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宿命の血を継ぐ男、弦月之介。
その剣は死を告げ、その心は死を許す!!

【邂逅】欲望のままに女を抱き、人を殺める一匹の財使。その男の手には神獣の剣があり、その顔は月之介と同じであった。同じ顔を持つ2匹の獣が出会うとき、財使の歴史が動き出す。

【宿命】その口から語られたのは、己の過去。財王妃の呪いにより、生を繰り返す月之介の現世で待っていたのは、実の妹を殺すというあまりは重い宿命であった。

【投神城】己の内の獣を目覚めさせ、紅の太刀の使い手・鬼塚転との宿命と対峙する月之介。

財王妃復活の儀・投神城は獣たちの運命を乗せて乱の中へと加速する。

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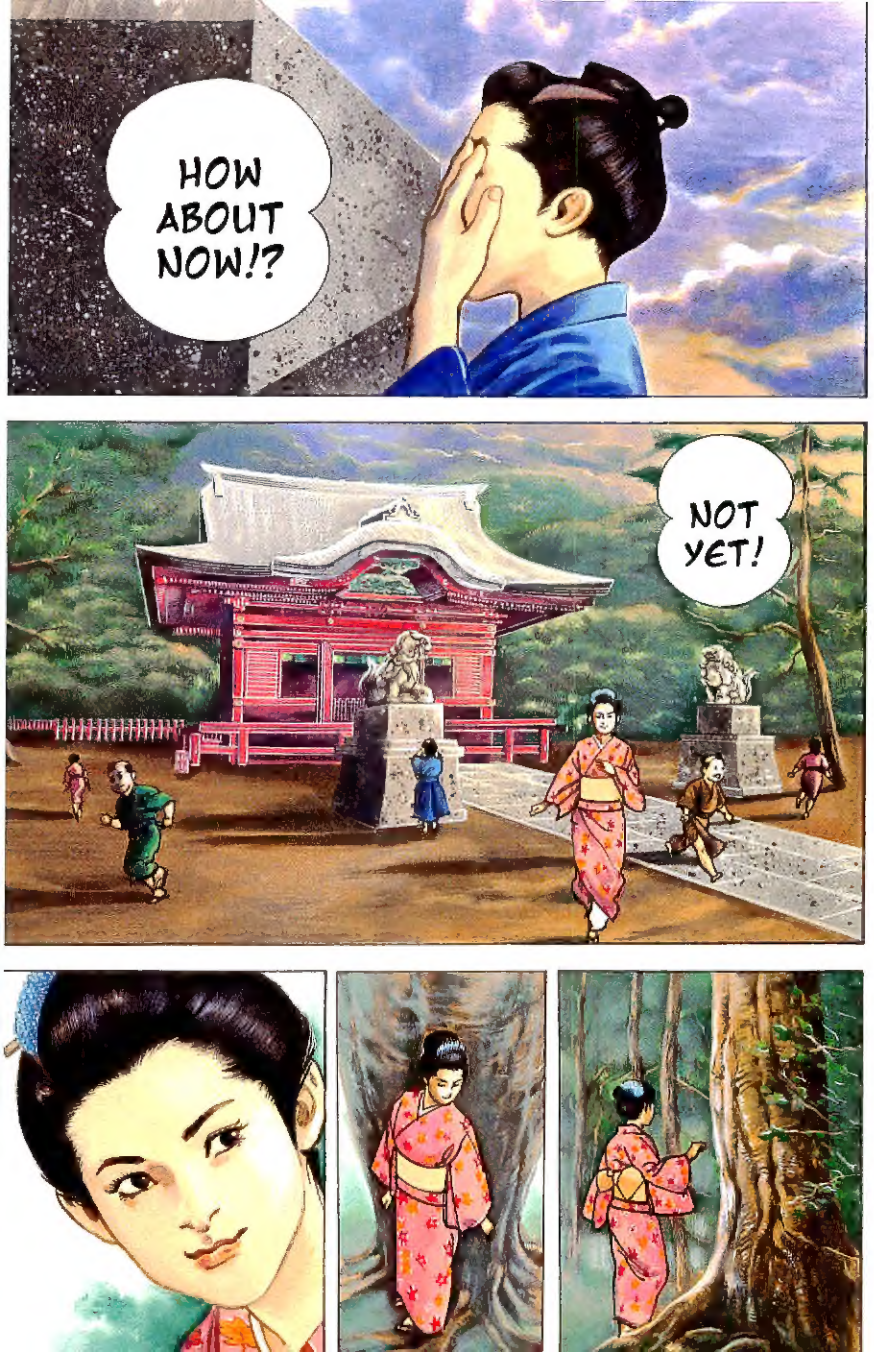
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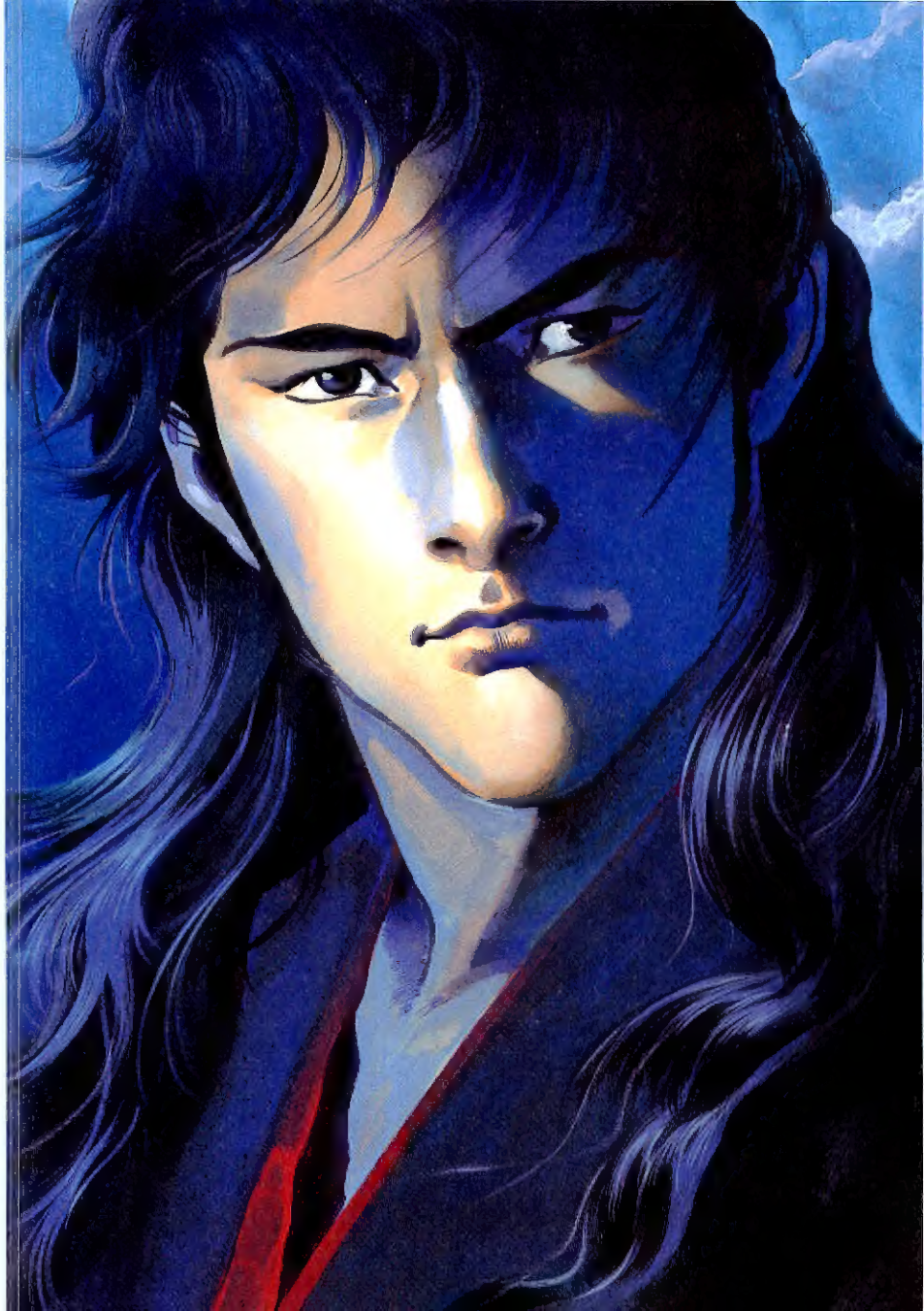

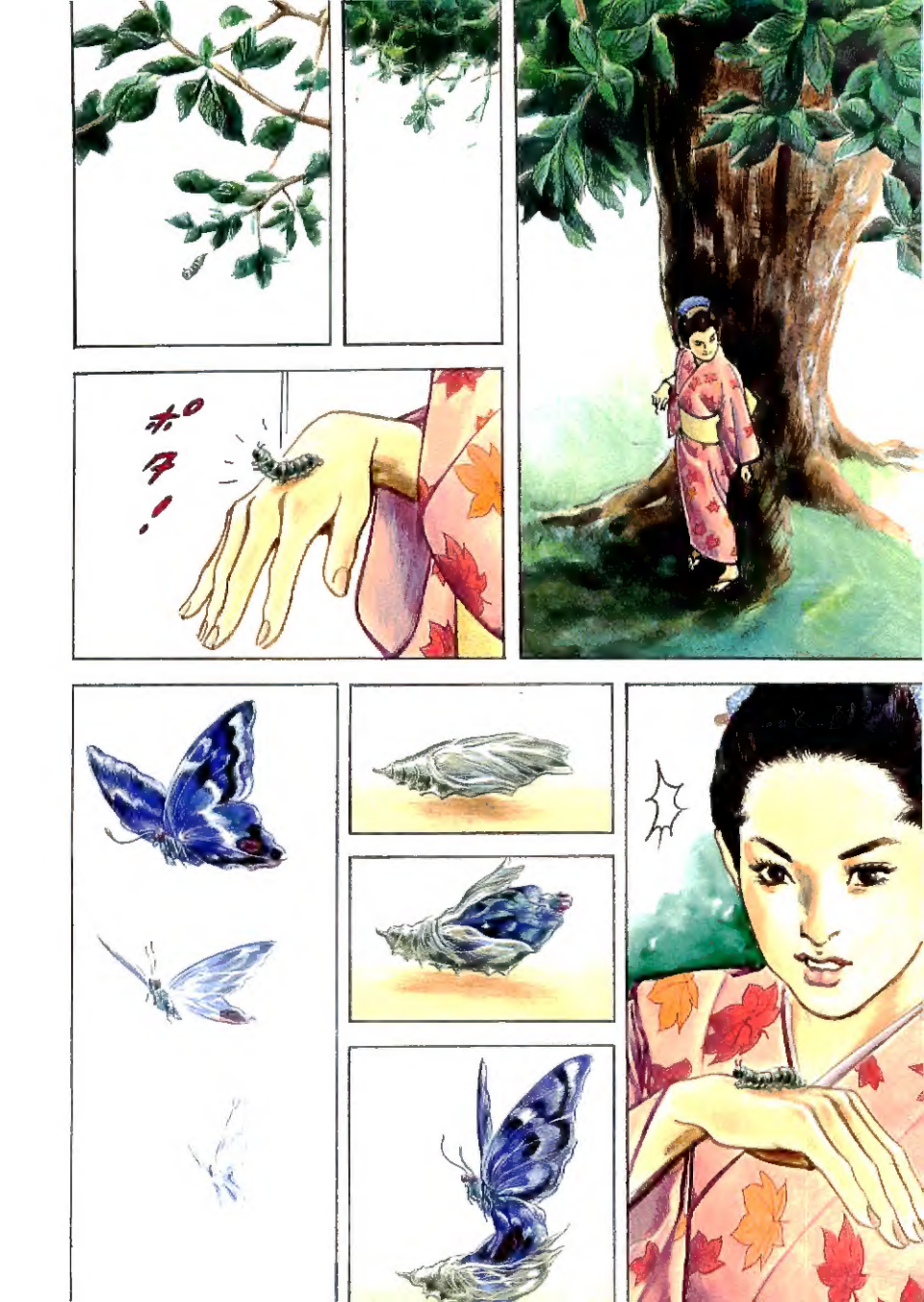
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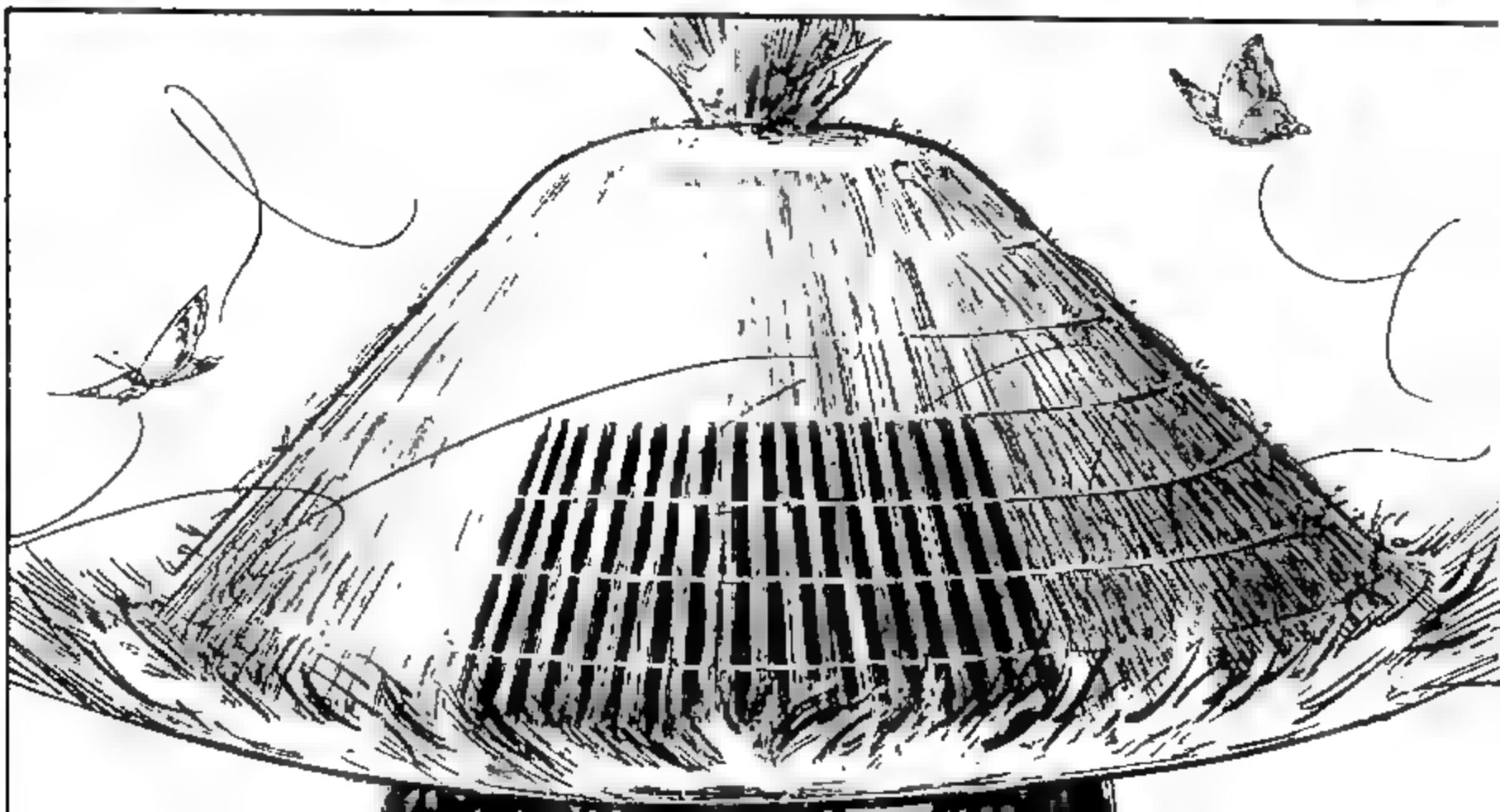

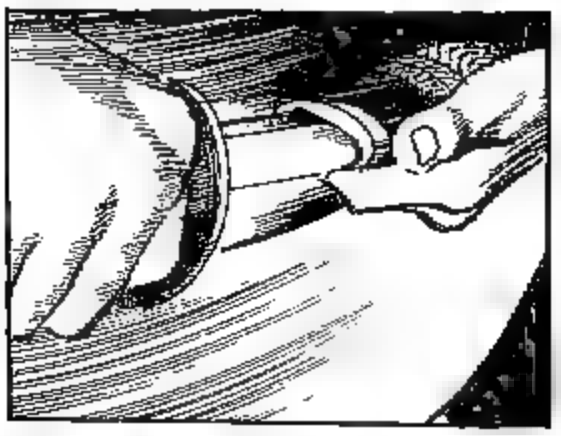

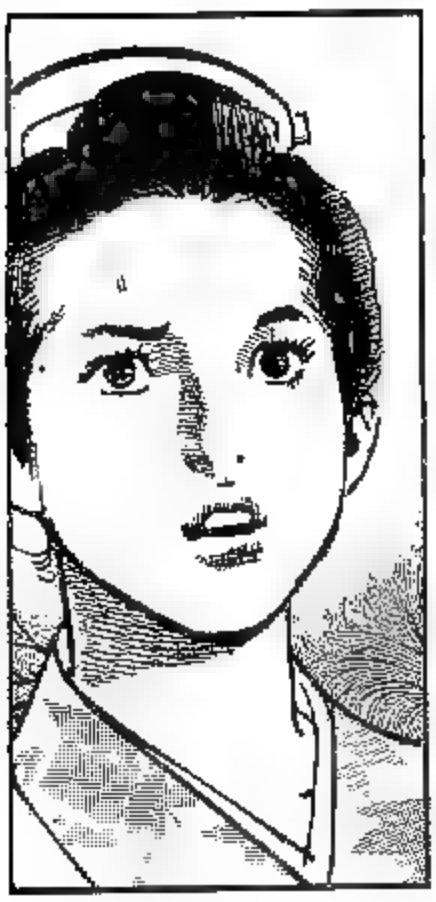

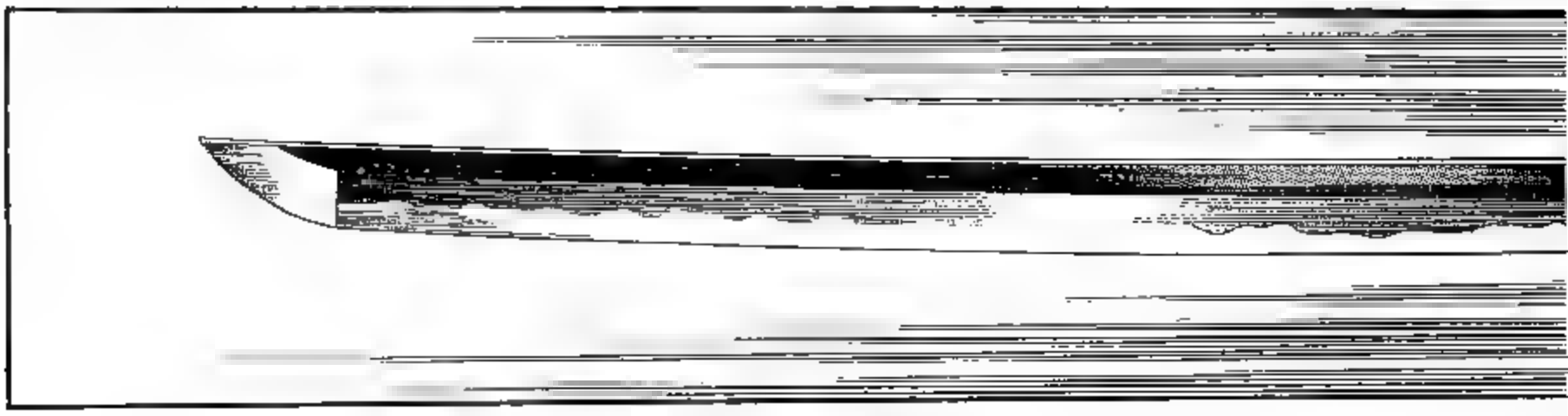

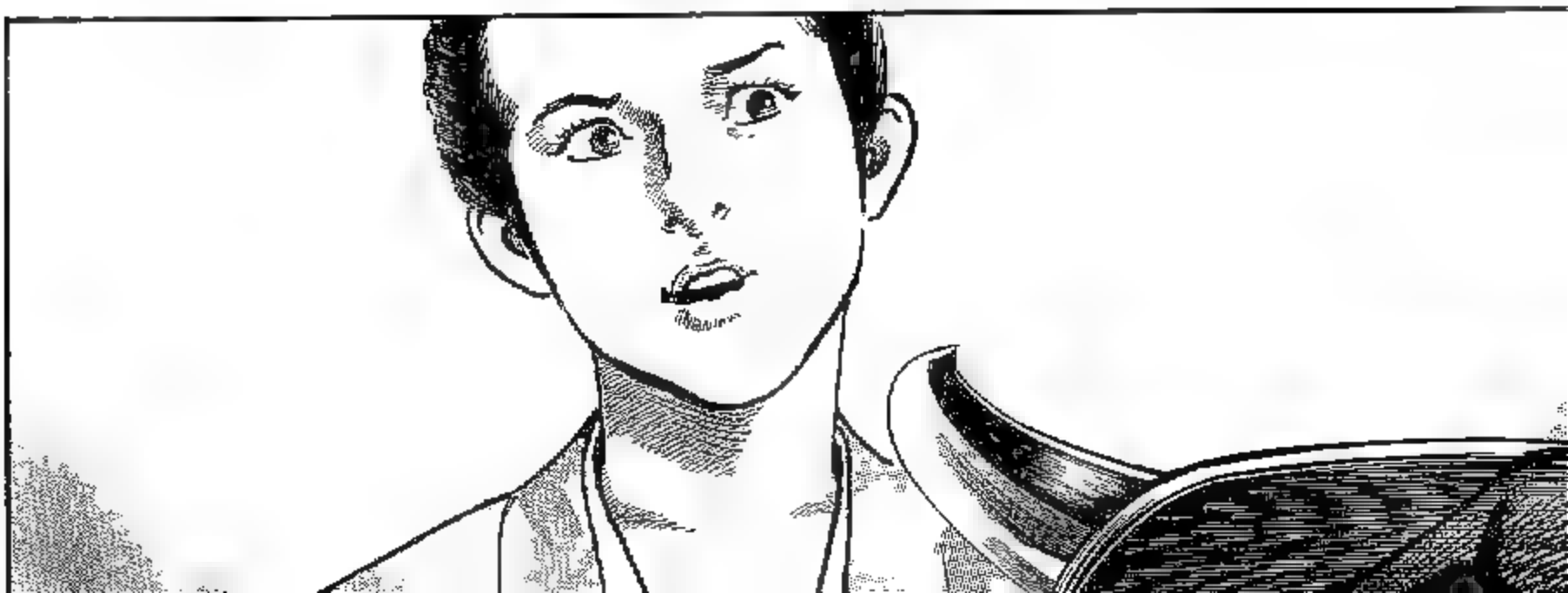

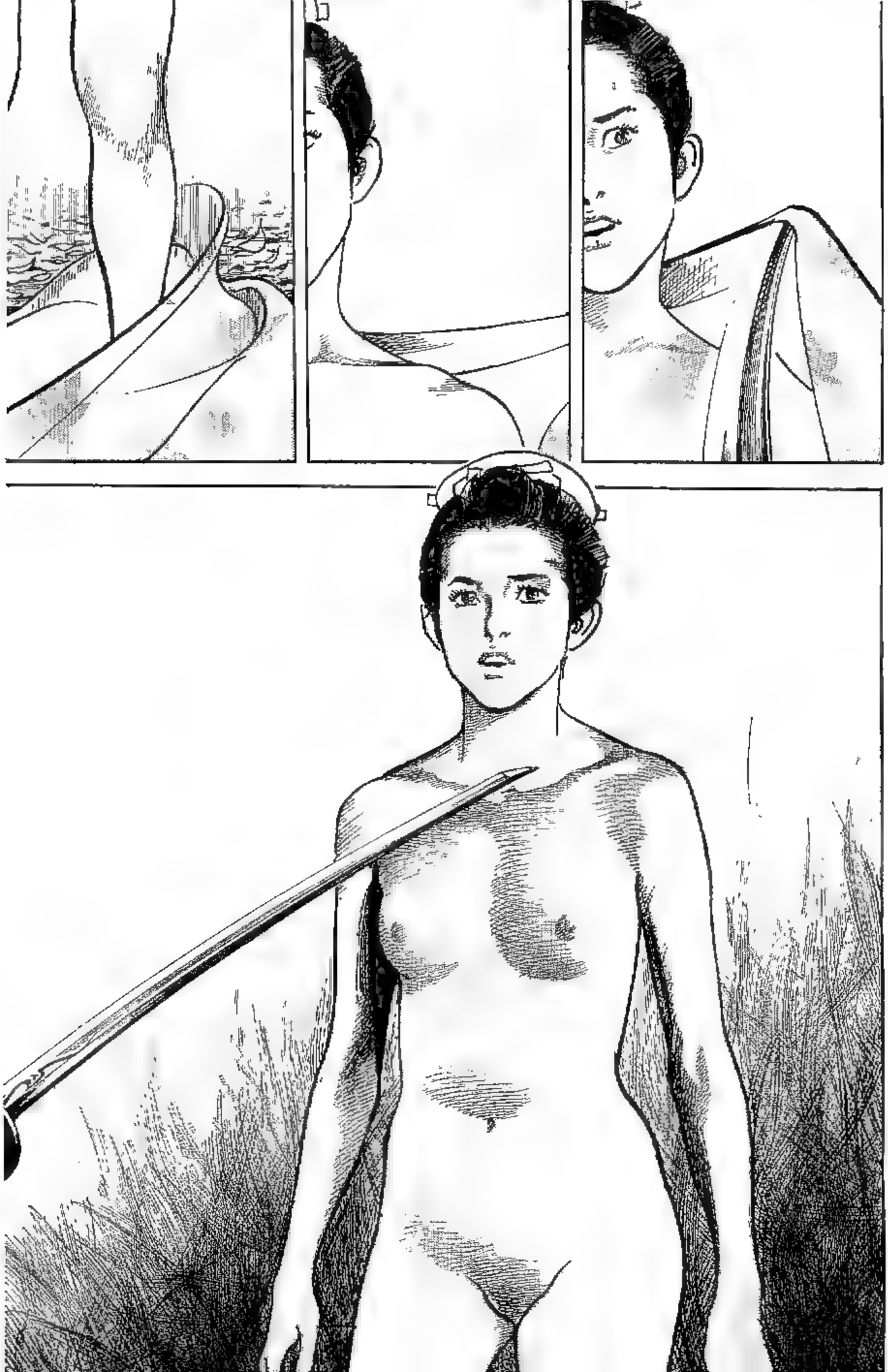

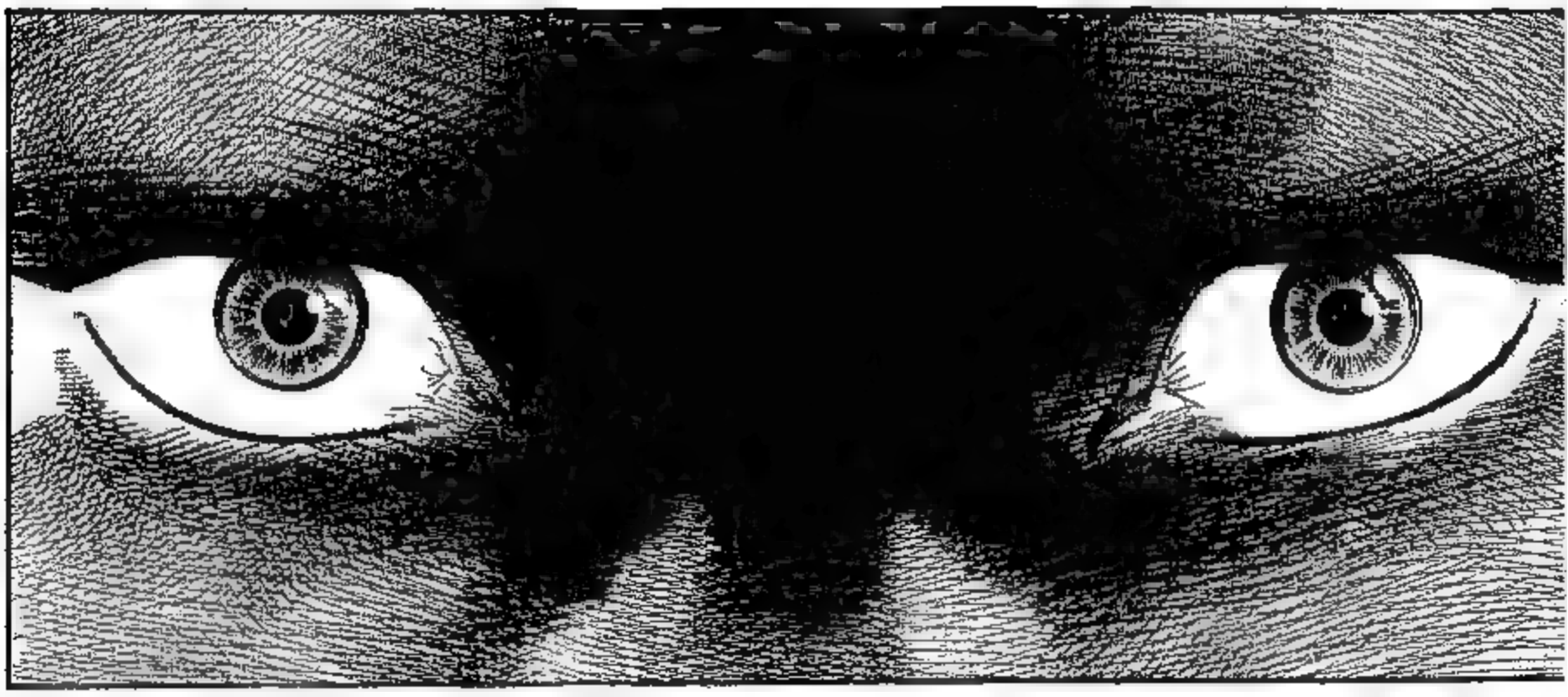

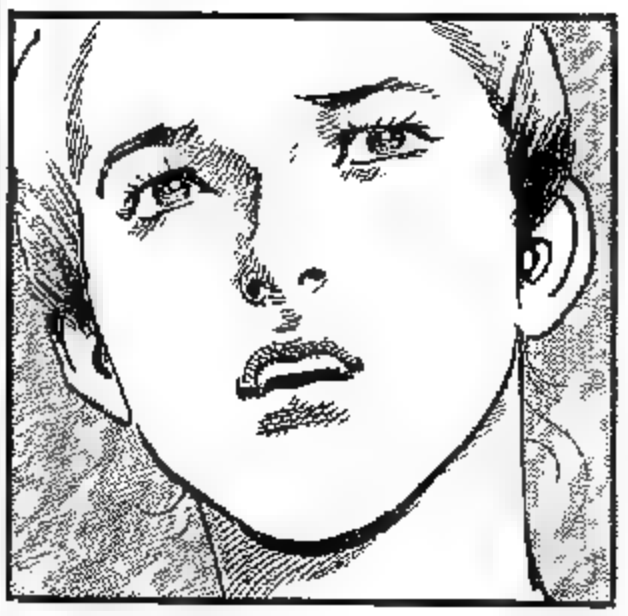

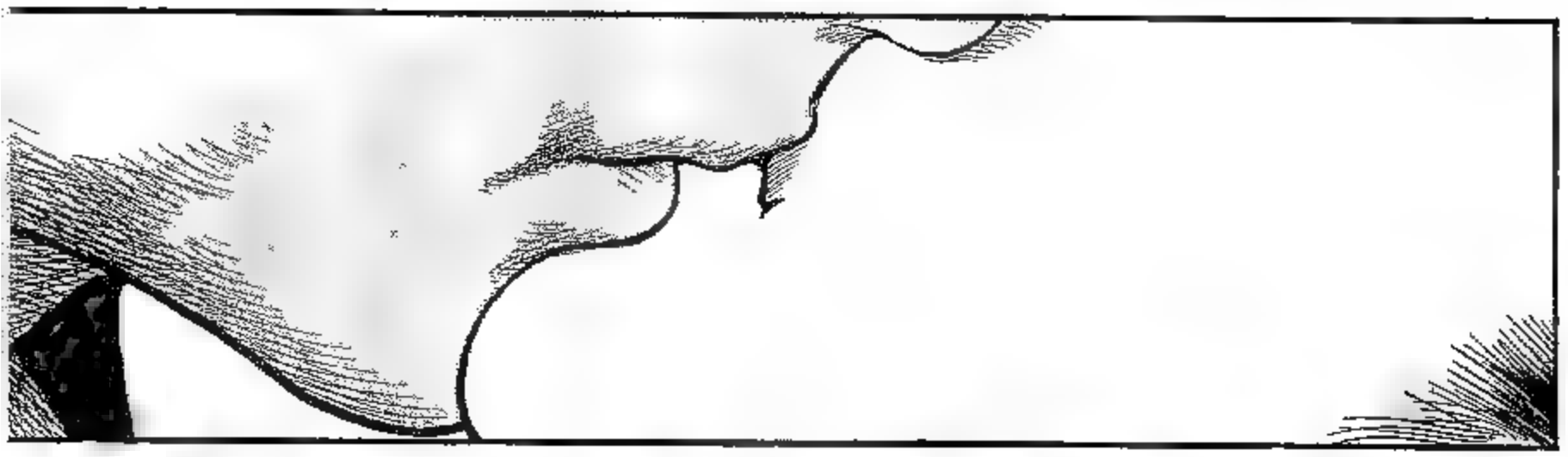

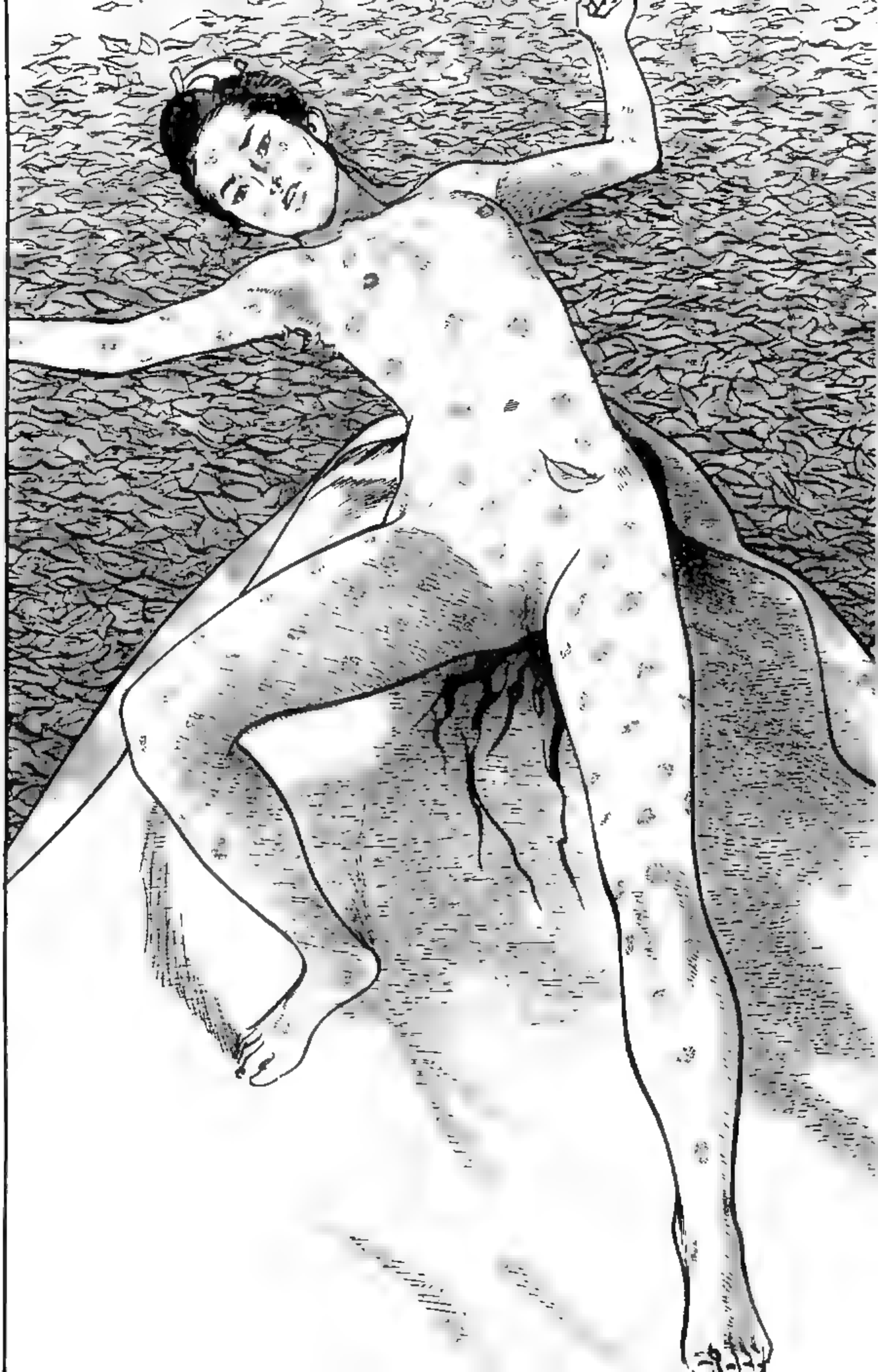

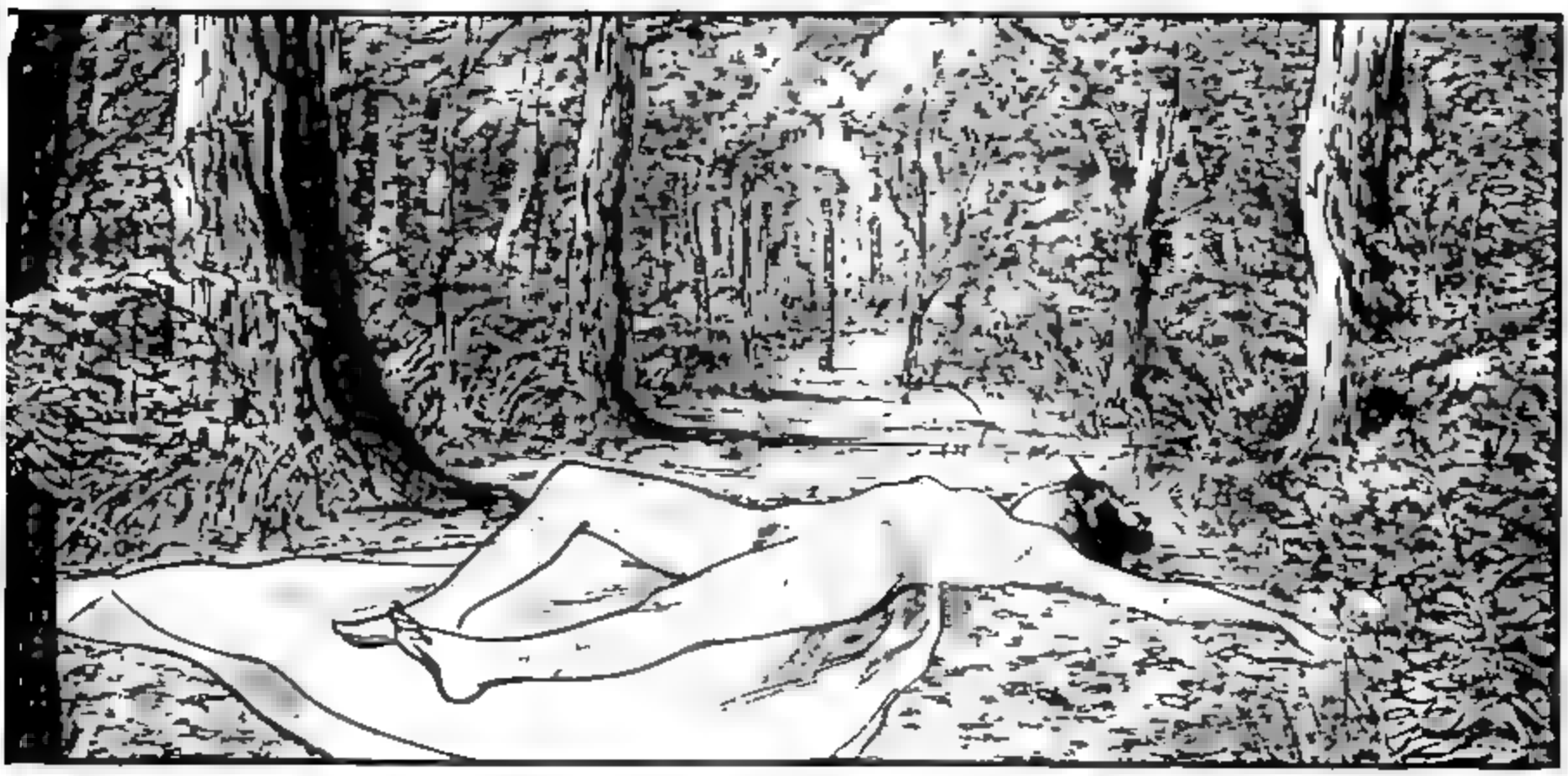

BIG SIS, YOU'RE THE LAST ONE LEFT! COME ON OUT!
WHERE'S BIG SIS HIDING...?

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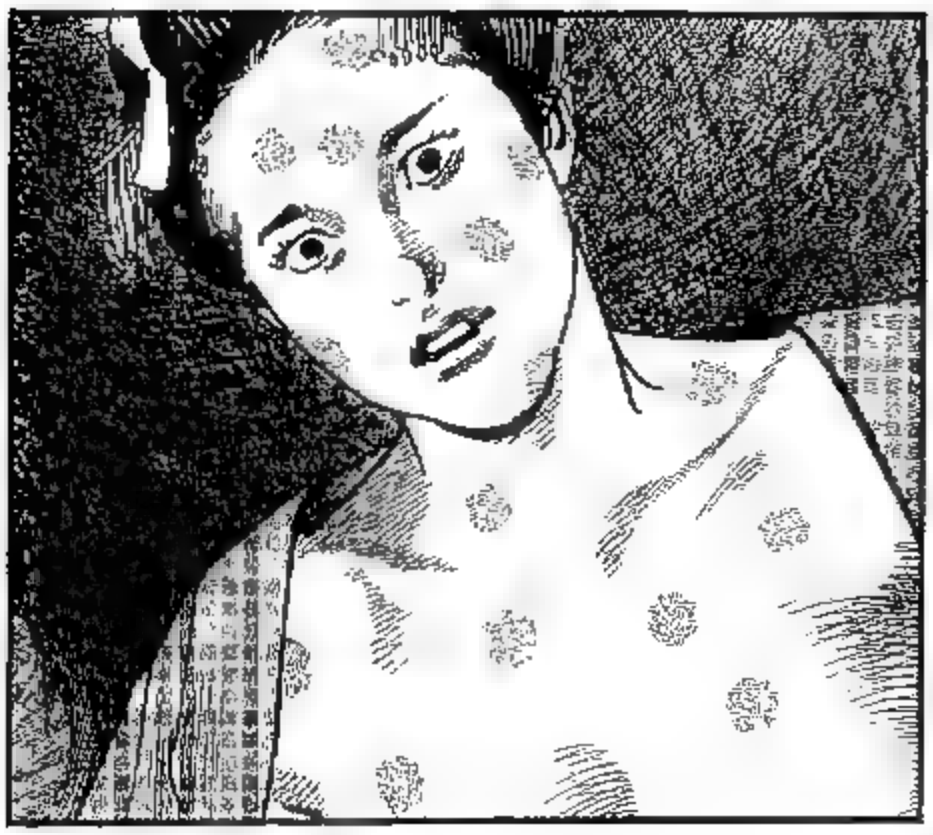

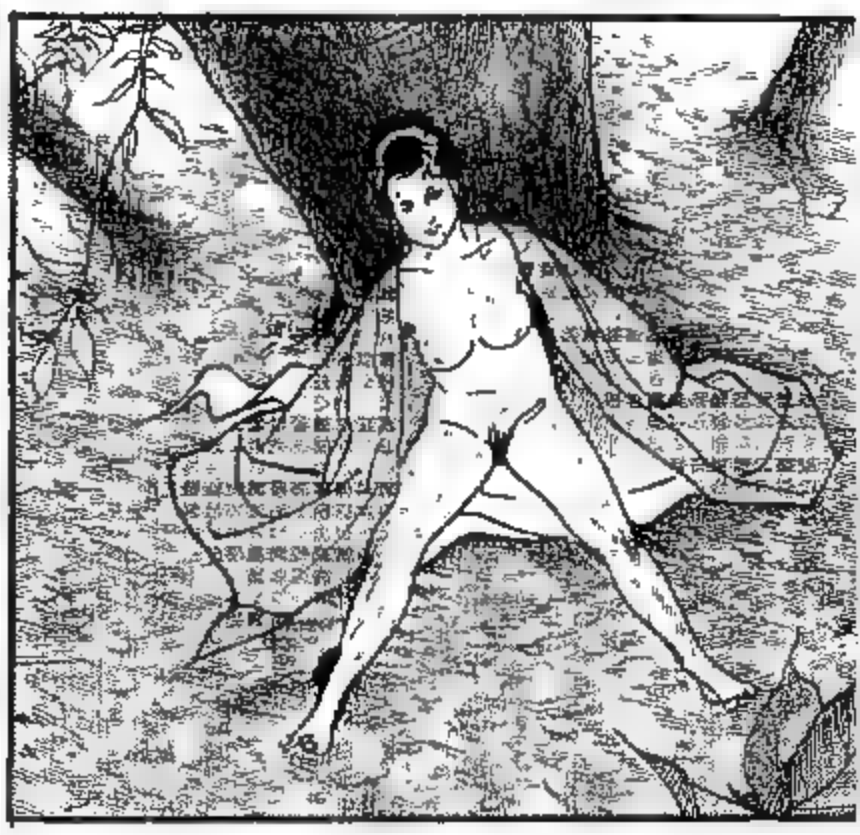

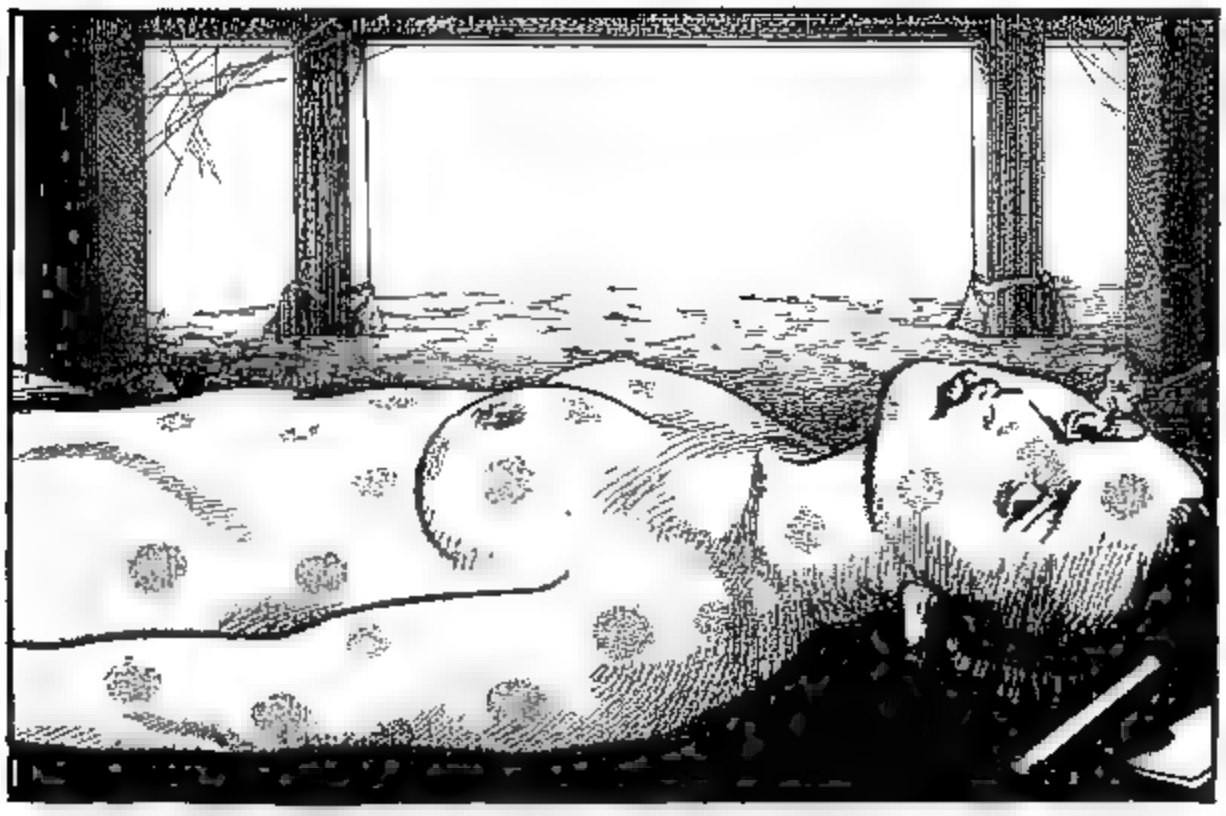

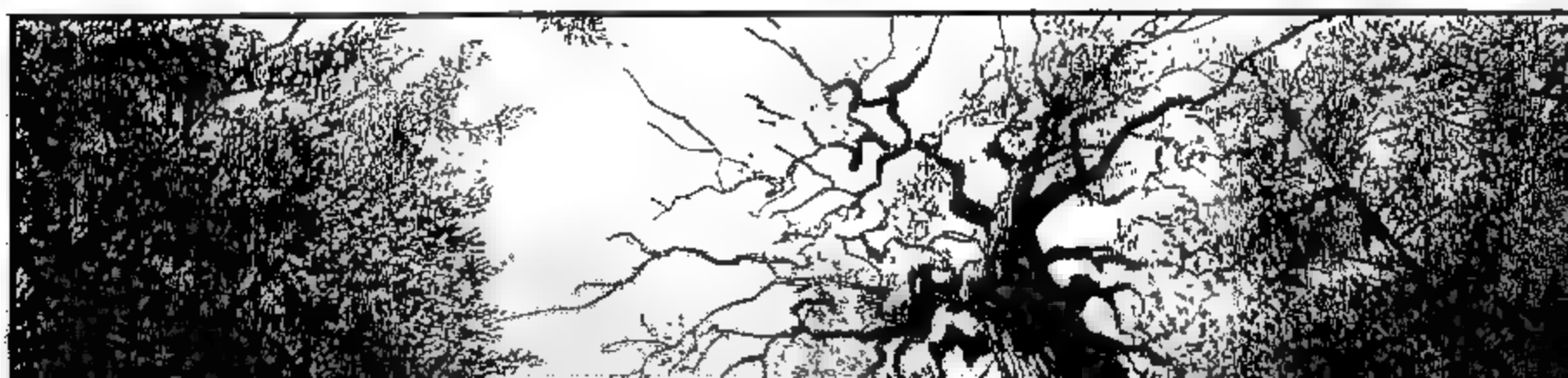

...THESE STRANGE GREEN SPOTS...

AS I THOUGHT ...

THEN THE CRIMINAL WAS...

YOU MEAN SHE WAS RAPED BY A SAISHI AND DIED FROM THE POISON FLOWING IN THAT SAISHI'S VEINS? VERY WELL.

GEN TSUKINO-SUKE—

THAT MAN, THE ONE WHO KILLED FOUR AIZU SAMURAI IN AN IN-STANT...

I CAN ONLY THINK IT THE WORK OF A GOD.

THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER SAISHI OUT THERE...

BUT THIS CUT...

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RIGHT...

...HE ONLY SLEEPS WITH DYING AND DESPERATE WOMEN...

...IT COULDN'T BE...

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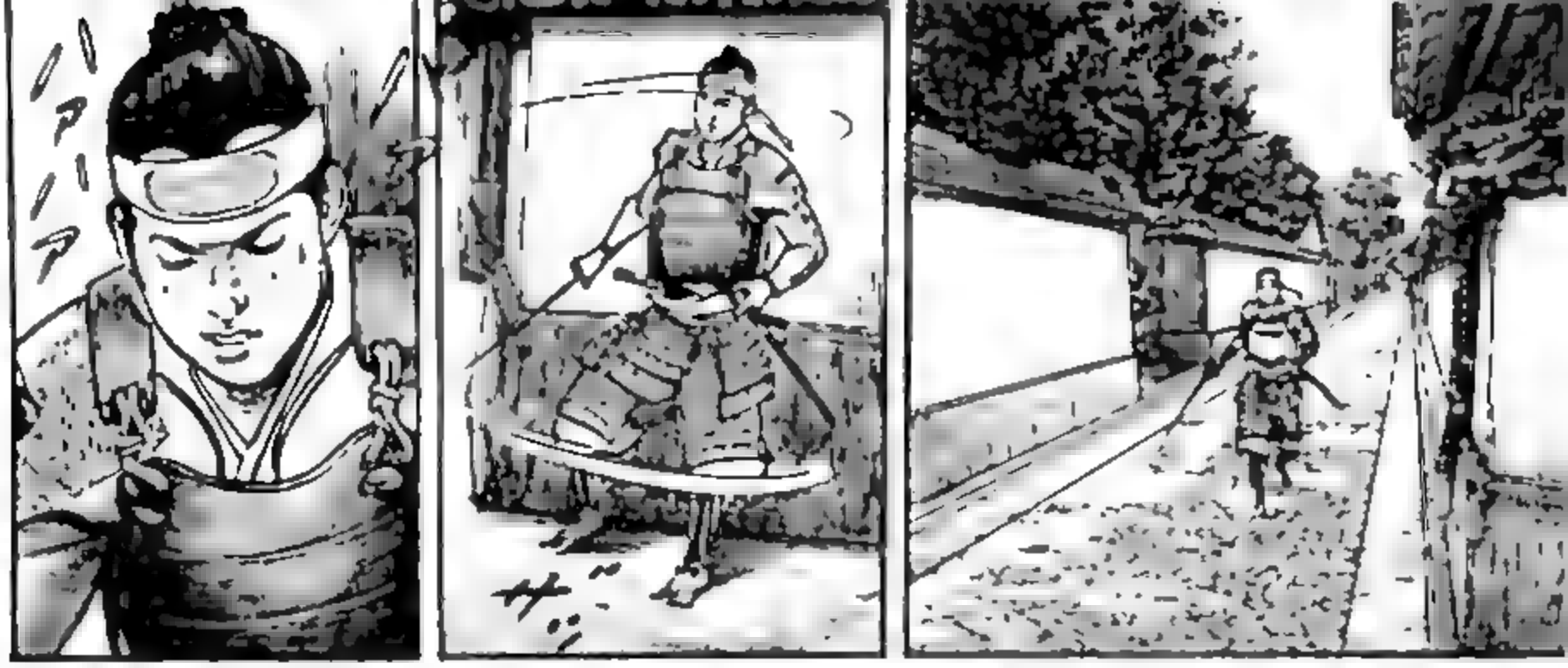
there was much anger over the loss of power caused by the regime change in the third year of Bunkyuu, and the number of samurai killed by the Shinsengumi in the Ikeda Inn incident.

The clash between Aizu and Satsuma at the Hamagurigomon gate was ferocious.

In the first year of Genji (1864), Choushuu finally mustered its forces and invaded Kyoto.

In cooperation with the Shinsengumi, powerful security forces patrolled the ancient capital in groups.

Among the guards led by Hitotsubashi Yoshinobu, the General for the Defense of the Imperial Palace



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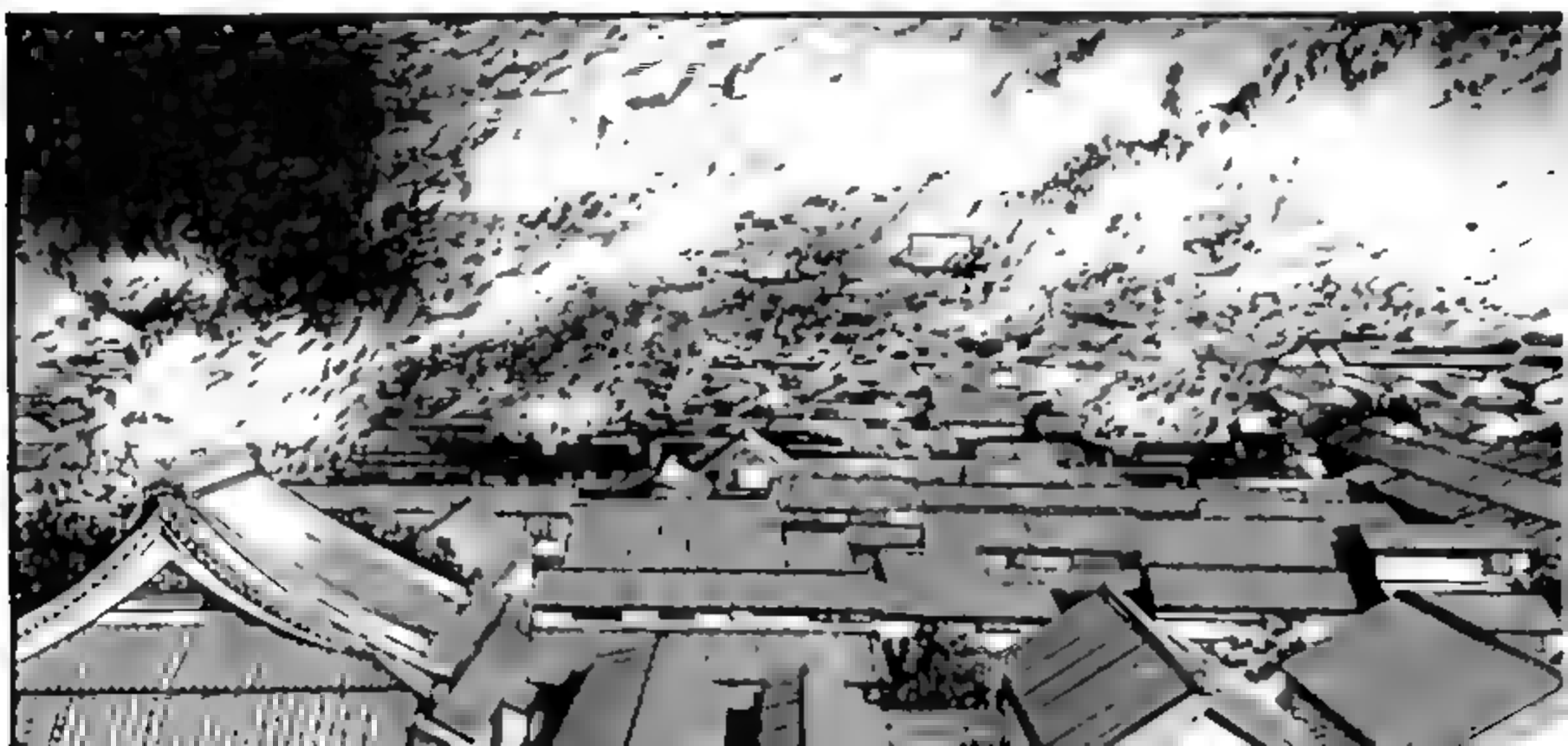

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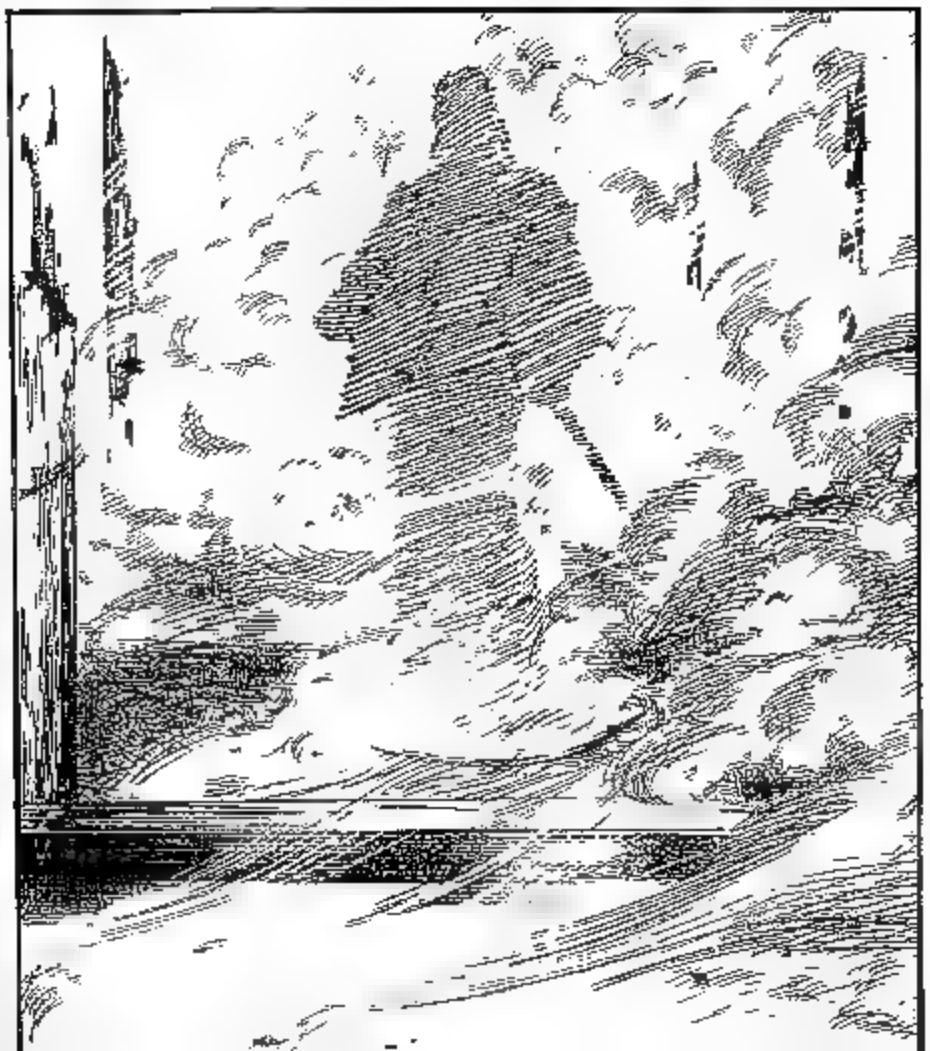
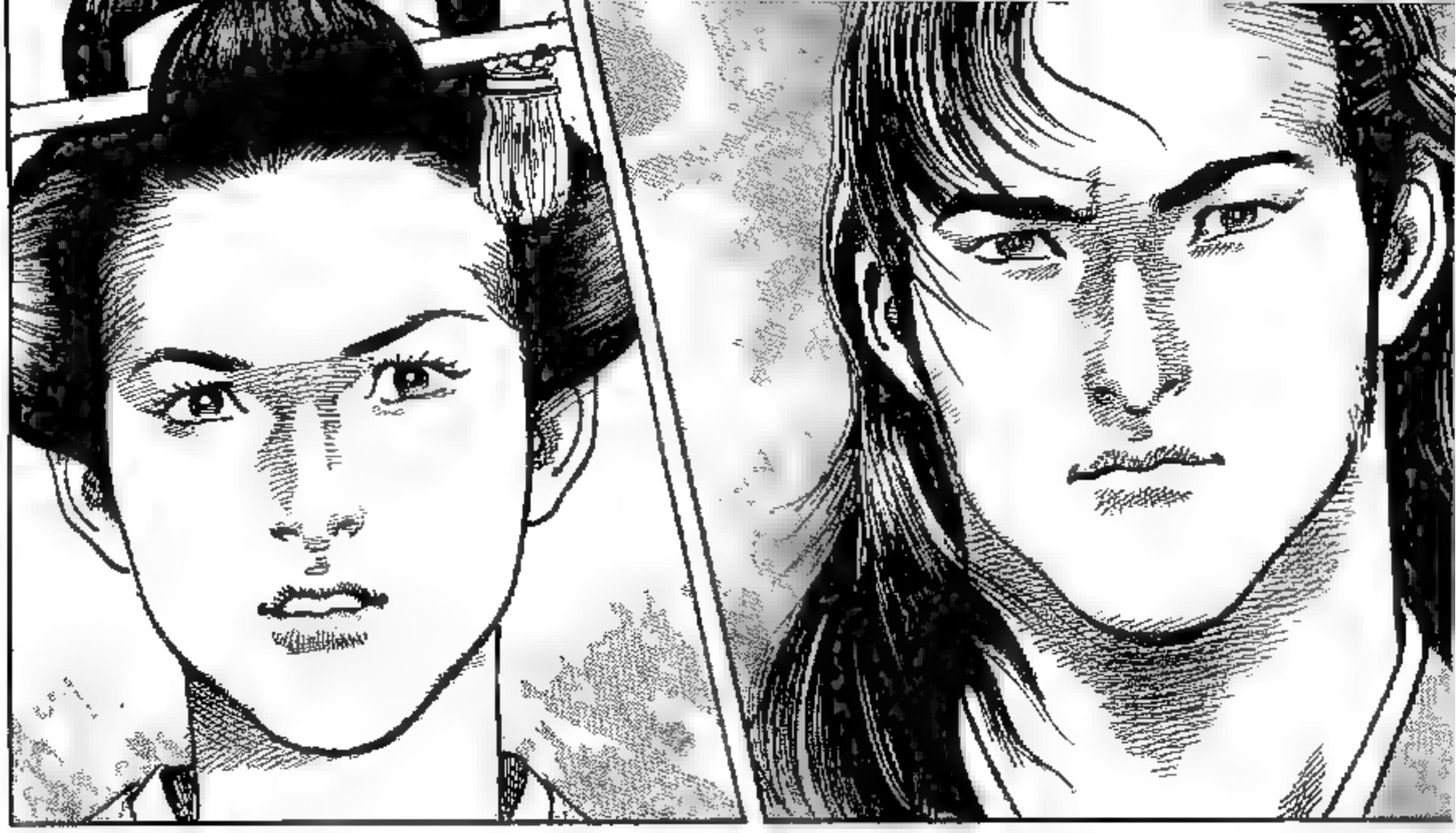
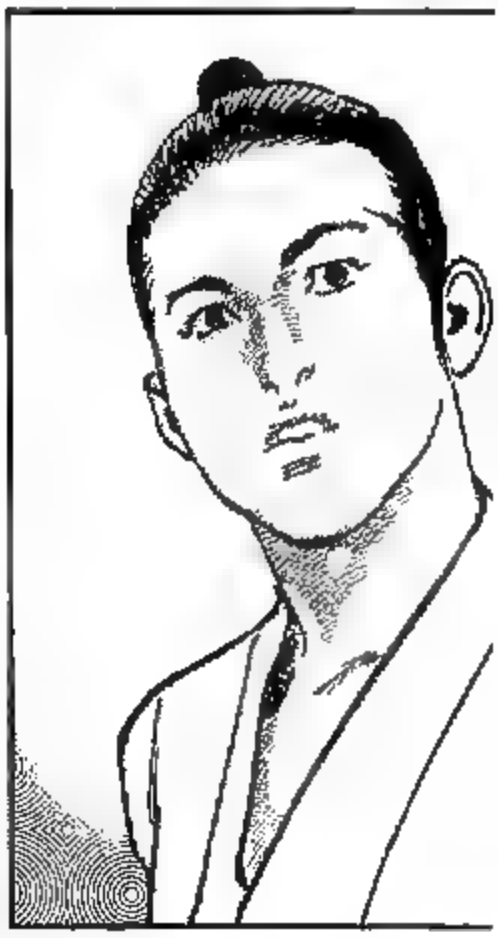
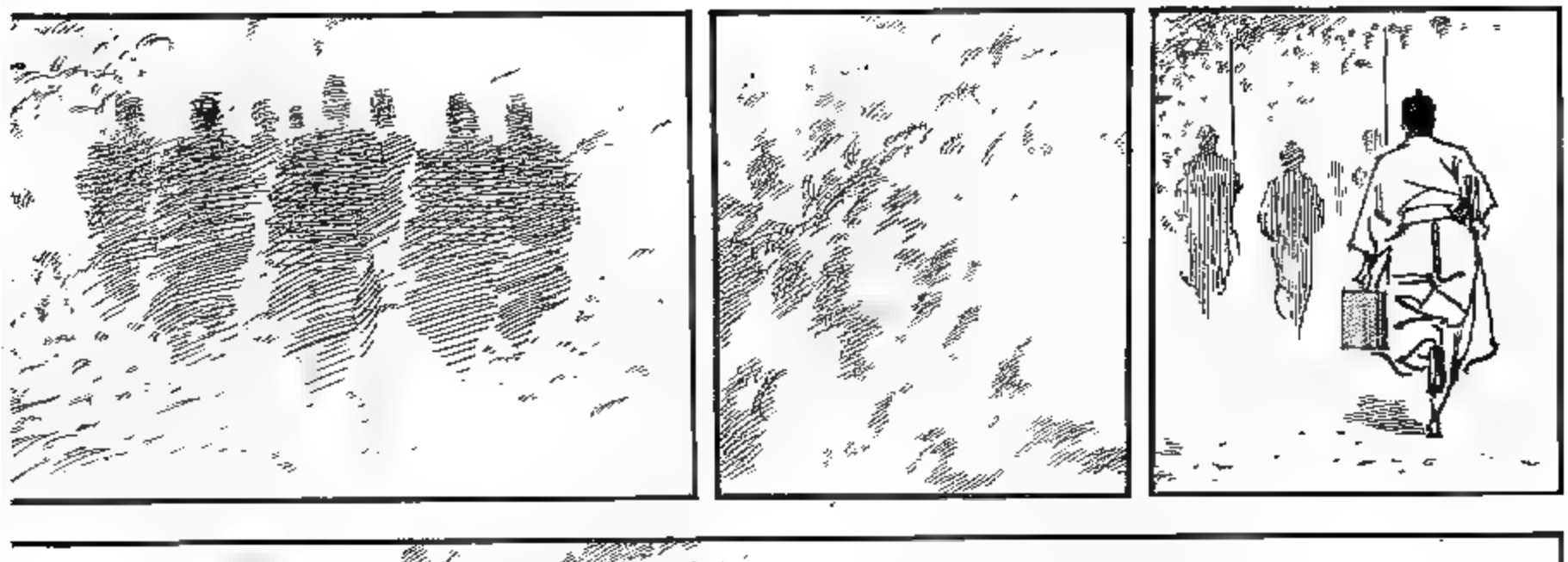








YOU MUST BE THE PATROL GROUP.

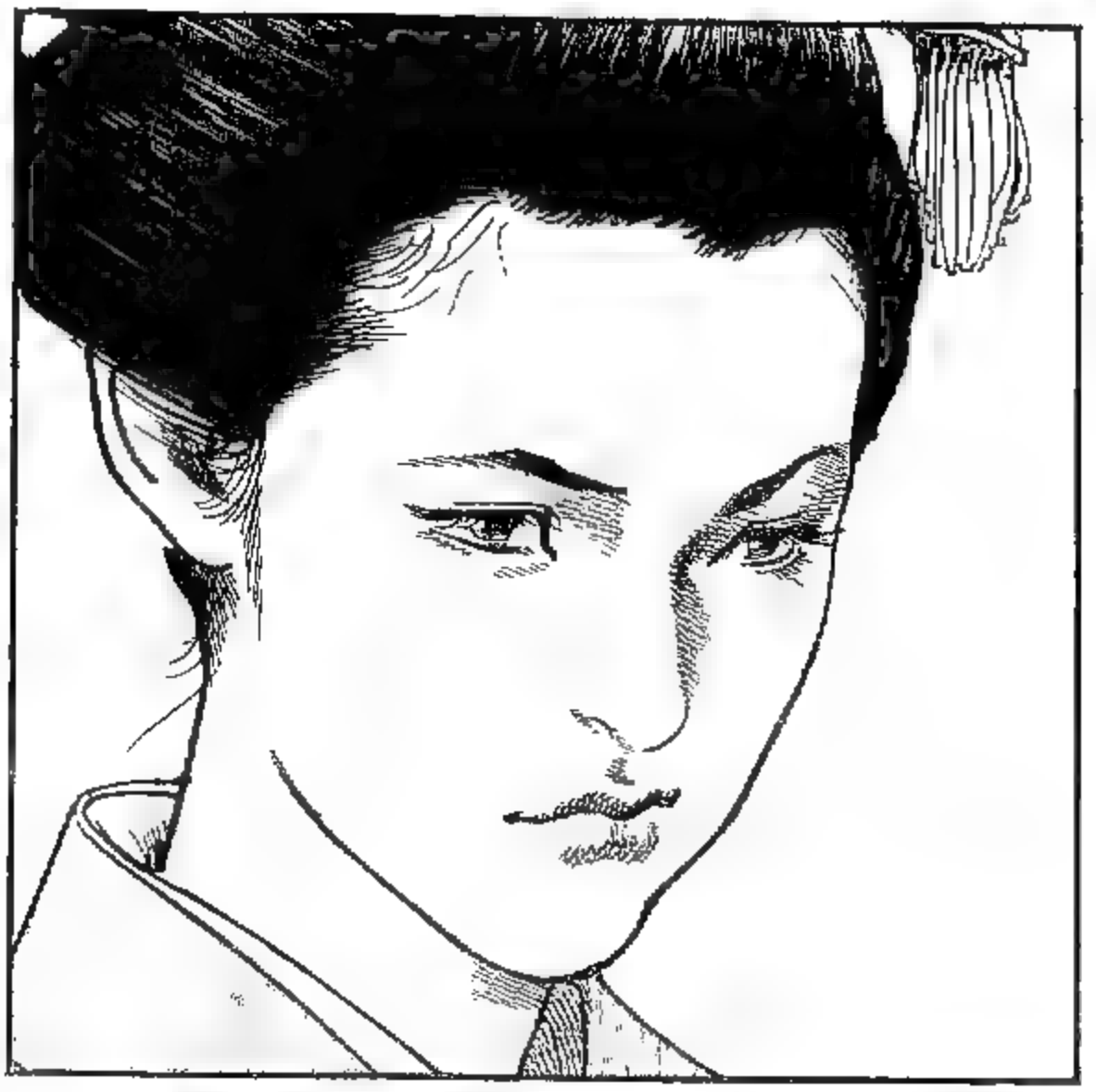
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS.

WE ARE RETAINERS OF AIZU, UNDER ORDERS TO BRING THE PHYSICIAN LORD HIIRAGI DAIGAKU

FROM THE TEMPLE WHERE HE IS LODGING TO AIZU TROOP HEADQUARTERS SO THAT HE MAY EXAMINE THE ILLNESS OF OUR LORD, MATUDAIRA HIGONOKAMI.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS.

I AM THE LEADER OF THIS TROOP, SASAKI TADASABUROU; PLEASE TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY.



I'M SURE THAT WOMAN, IZUMI, OR WHATEVER HER NAME WAS...

DIED OF TSUKINO-SUKE'S VENOM... DIDN'T SHE?

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IS THE BLOOD OF BEASTS IN HER AS WELL...?

IT WAS IN THIS AREA, TSUKINO-SUKE...

...UMM, SUPERHUMAN SWORDSMANSHIP ASIDE, THAT EERIE, PIERCING GLINT IN YOUR EYE WASN'T NORMAL...

I DIDN'T SEE ANY WRITING ON HIS FOREHEAD, BUT...

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A HUMAN POS-SESSED BY A SWORD OF THE DIVINE BEASTS...

EVEN WHILE SHE WAS GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH HER WORK, SHE FOUND TIME TO PLAY WITH LITTLE JUN'-NOSUKE.

...POOR GIRL...

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS IN THE PRIME OF HER LIFE, SHE HAD TO SPEND ALL DAY SEWING AND LOOKING AFTER HER FATHER AND BROTHER...

WHY DID THIS STOUT-HEARTED GIRL OF ONLY SIXTEEN...

...HAVE TO MEET SUCH A FATE?

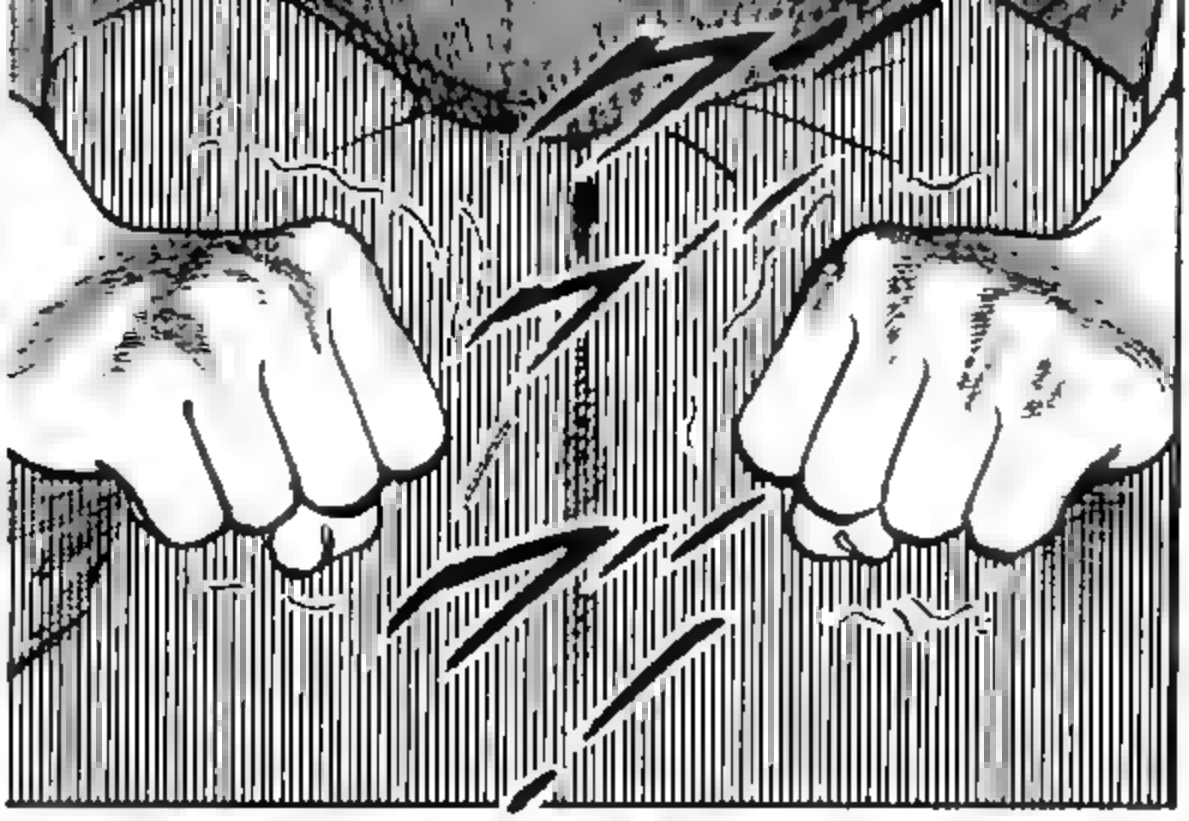
IT'S PATHETIC... I, A SAMURAI, AM DOOMED TO LIVE OUT MY DAYS A RONIN... AND I CAN'T EVEN TAKE VENGE-ANCE FOR MY DAUGHTER...

EVERYONE AGREES THAT MY DAUGHTER WAS MURDERED BY ONE OF THOSE SAISHI MONSTERS.

YOU'RE STRONG, RIGHT MISTER...? THAT'S WHAT MR. GYUUZOU SAYS...

That beast, I'll...

I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR APPRENTICE!



I WANT TO UNDER-STAND EVERY-THING...

TSUKINOSUKE... PLEASE TELL ME THE LEGEND OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS, ALL OF IT...

OSAKA CASTLE

FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROCHE

THE LEGEND OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS...?

MINISTER OF FINANCE OKUBO KOUZUKENOSUKE

BUT PLEASE LISTEN TO IT AS MERELY AN AMUSING TALE FOR THE TIME BEING...

IT IS AN UTTERLY PRE-POSTEROUS STORY, AND I CANNOT BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE IT,

THE LEGEND OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS IS WRITTEN IN DETAIL ON THIS SCROLL.

I, YUUKAI, WILL READ IT FOR YOU NOW!

IN ABOUT THE THIRD CENTURY, DURING THE AGE OF HIMIKO...

There were only thirty countries to which China had sent ambassadors, and among them was the nation of Yamatai, a land ruled by a queen...

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Chapter 20: "The Origin of Beasts" and "In Search of the Supernatural"

IN ABOUT THE THIRD CENTURY, THERE WAS A NATION CALLED YAMATAI, RULED BY A QUEEN.

BECAUSE IT WAS A FEDERATION OF SMALL COUNTRIES, THE NAME OF THAT LAND WAS TSUKUMO-NOKUNI—

BUT FOR EIGHTY YEARS THE LAND HAD BEEN IN CHAOS, AND WAR NEVER CEASED.

TSUKUMO-NOKUNI ORIGINALLY HAD MALE KINGS,

GATHER THE TWELVE MOST BEAUTIFUL VIRGINS IN THE LAND, AND OFFER THEM AS A SACRIFICE TO THE GODS OF THE MOUNTAIN!

WAS WHAT THEY SAID.

AT THE END OF HIS ROPE, THE KING SOUGHT THE AID OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, AND THE GODS ANSWERED.

ONLY ONE OF THE TWELVE GIRLS RE-TURNED ALIVE...

ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER THAT...

...AND SHE WAS PREGNANT; TWO MONTHS LATER, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A DAUGHTER.

BUT THE GIRL HAD GONE MAD...

HER EYES THREW BACK THE MOON-LIGHT AND SHONE PALE!

IN TWO YEARS, SHE GREW TO ADULTHOOD, AND WHEN NIGHT CAME...

THE DAUGH-TER'S DEVELOP-MENT WAS REMARK-ABLE.

BUT SHE POSSESSED THE DIVINE POWER TO SEE THE FUTURE!

PEOPLE WHISPERED THAT SHE HAD BEEN CONCEIVED THROUGH RELATIONS WITH BEASTS AND FEARED HER.

THANKS TO HER, THE FIGHTING WAS SETTLED.

FOR THAT REASON, THE KING PLACED ABSOLUTE TRUST IN HER AS A PRIESTESS GRANTED TO HIM BY THE MOUNTAIN GODS.

AND THE KING WAS CHARMED BY HER BEAUTY AND TOOK HER AS HIS CONCUBINE...

However ...

THE BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH HER VEINS WAS NOT HUMAN;

it was the venomous *blood of beasts!*

in the end, she, the Saishi — *the messenger of the mountain wolves* — became queen.

BUT, WITH BEAUTY AS HER WEAPON, THROUGH DETERMINATION AND DIVINE SPIRITUAL POWERS,

WHEN THE KING DIED, THE SMALL COUNTRIES BEGAN TO FIGHT AGAIN OVER WHO WOULD SUCCEED HIM.

SHE WAS CALLED TSUKIYOMI, BUT...

the people
called her
Saiouhi
— the
Wolf
Queen!

OF COURSE, THE PRINCE WAS ALREADY DEAD OF HER POISON...

AND GAVE BIRTH TO A DAUGHTER OF HER OWN WITH THE PRINCE OF A SMALL COUNTRY...

AROUND THAT TIME, THE DAUGHTER SAIOUHI CONCEIVED WITH THE KING HAD ALREADY GROWN TO ADULTHOOD.

In the end, human men and women vanished entirely, and it became a land of Saishi, and only Saishi.

AND LIKE THAT, THOSE WHO CARRIED THE BLOOD OF SAIOUNI, THE BLOOD OF BEASTS, CONTINUED TO MULTIPLY IN TSUKUMONOKUNI...

NOT TWENTY YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE HER BIRTH.

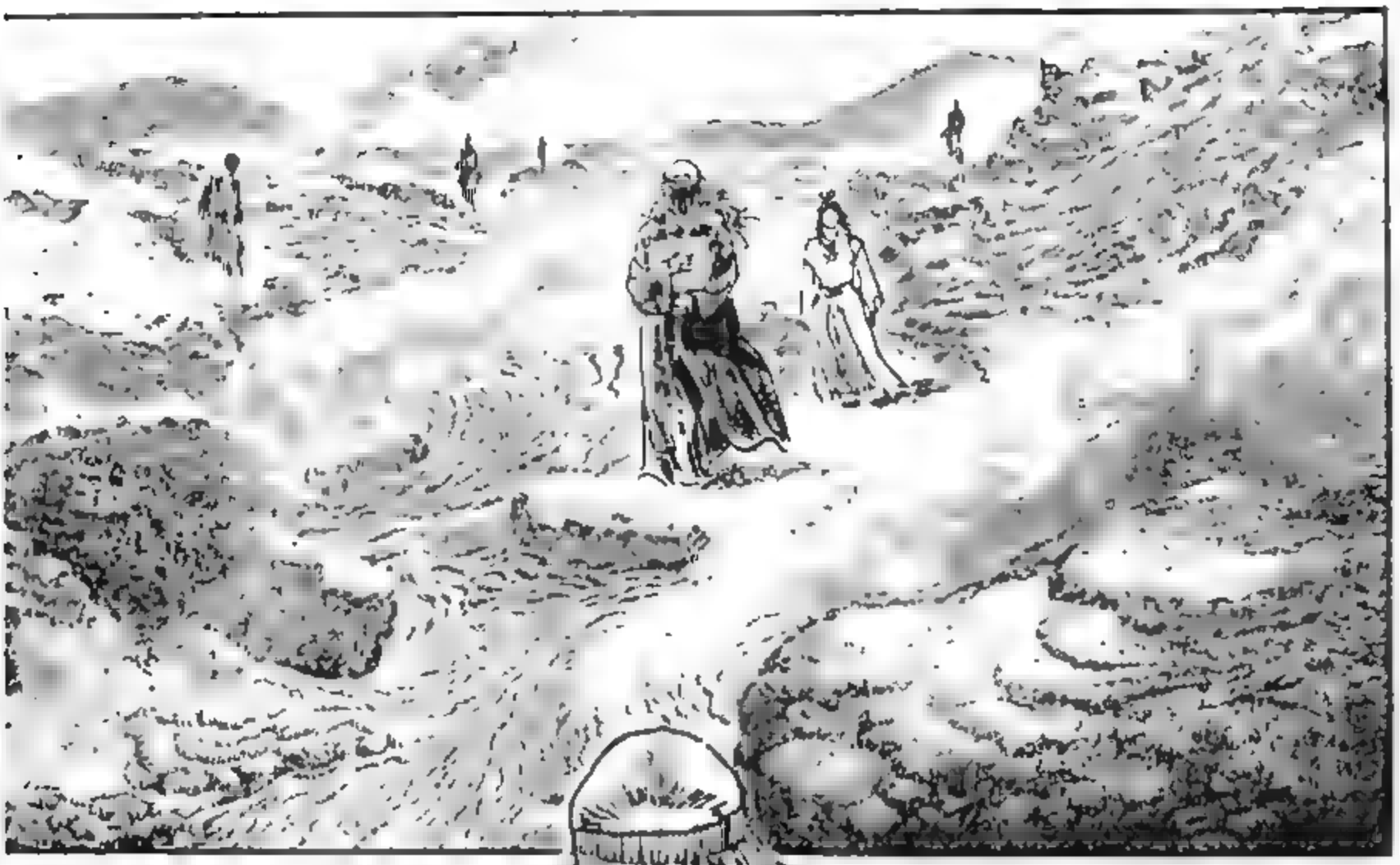
WHEN THAT HAPPENED, OLD AGE CAME SUDDENLY AND MYSTERIOUSLY UPON SAIOUHI.

A LONG HISTORY OF CIVIL WAR ...

AT SAIOUHI'S FUNERAL FEAST, THE WOMEN BEGAN A POWER STRUGGLE FOR HER THRONE.

Tsukumo-nokuni was annihilated.

AND IN THE END, BY THE MASSIVE RAGE OF THE VOLCANO, THE MOUNTAIN GOD,



— AT THE QUEEN'S DIRECTION, SHE SUMMONED ARTISANS FROM CHINA AND MADE PLANS TO EXCAVATE A VAST GOLD MINE.

THE OLD WOMAN HAD SERVED AS SAIGUHI'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

SHE BURIED AN ENORMOUS QUANTITY OF GOLD IN SECRET.

AND JUST BEFORE SAIGUHI'S DEATH, ON THE QUEEN'S MOST SECRET ORDER.

In her satchel were two scrolls —

The Origin of Beasts and In Search of the Super-natural.

And now she alone knew the location of that buried treasure.

and using the buried gold to gather soldiers, would once more subjugate the land and sit enthroned as the Wolf Queen.

Those scrolls contained the old woman's final wish: that Saiouhi would someday be revived,

IN IN SEARCH OF THE SUPER-NATURAL, SHE LEFT A CLUE TO THE LOCATION OF THE BURIED GOLD AND INS-TRUCTIONS FOR THE CEREMONY TO REVIVE SAIOUHI.

THE ORIGIN OF BEASTS RECORDS THE FACTS OF SAIOUHI'S BIRTH AND THE RISE AND FALL OF TSUKUMO-NOKUNI...

EVEN MORE TIME THAN THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

FIFTY YEARS; A HUNDRED; NO, A THOU-SAND—

A GIRL CHILD OF THE SAISHI WITH THE SAME PALE EYES AS SAIOUHI...

BUT SHE WOULD BE BORN INTO THIS WORLD WITHOUT FAIL:

ONCE ONE OF THOSE BLADES HAS CUT DOWN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY PEOPLE,

IT BEGINS TO POSSESS A SPIRITUAL FORCE, GIVING OFF **POWER** AS A CURSED SWORD, AND BECOMES A **SWORD OF THE DIVINE BEASTS.**

BUT IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, TWELVE LONGSWORDS TEMPERED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE SAISHI ARE NEEDED.

SAI; HYOU; OU; KUU; EN; KIBA; SO; SHIN; GI; KO; BAKU; HEN...

WHEN THAT GIRL CHILD HAS MATURED TO THE POINT OF MENSTRUATION,

SAIOUHI WILL COME OUT OF THE DISTANT PAST, CROSSING TIME TO POSSESS THAT WOMAN... AND BE REINCARNATED.

The Sword of the Divine Beasts in the hands of the last man standing will become the *Fang of God!*

THE BATTLE OF THE TWELVE MEN BEARING THE SWORDS BEGINS.

ONCE THE GIRL REACHES MATURITY.

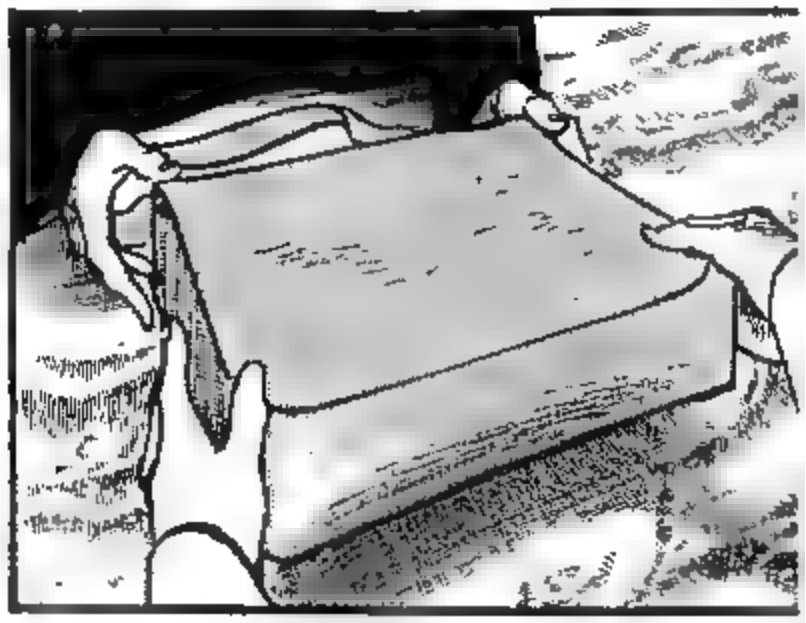
and he will have congress with the woman...

THAT DIVINE SPIRITUAL POWER WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THE MAN.

In the moment of conception, the spirit of Saiouhi will inhabit the woman.

and Saiouhi will be re-vived in the here and now!

For the future of the dream of a rebuilt Tsukumo-nokuni with Saiouhi at its center, you must never part with this!



BUT THE OLD WOMAN WAS ILLITERATE...

It was in the Heian period when the world again knew of the Saishi's existence...

And the paintings of the procession of the hundred devils were depictions of Saishi sinking through the night as robbers...
It is said that the unseen youkai and spirits of the rivers and mountains feared by the nobility...
But the powers of the time made use of their bestial nature, turning them into soldiers.

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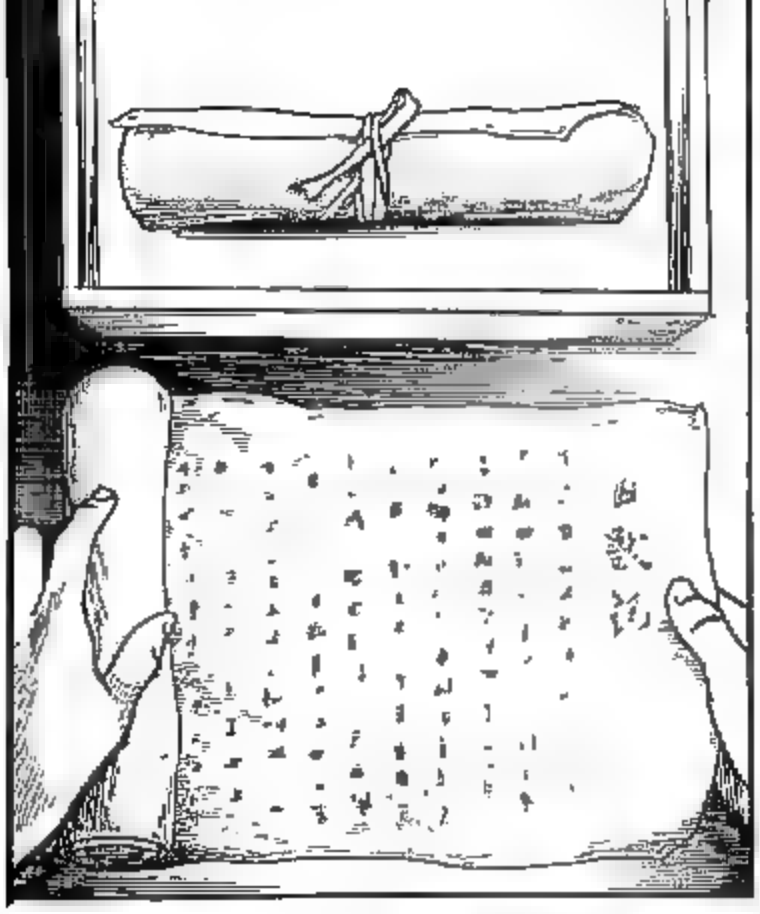
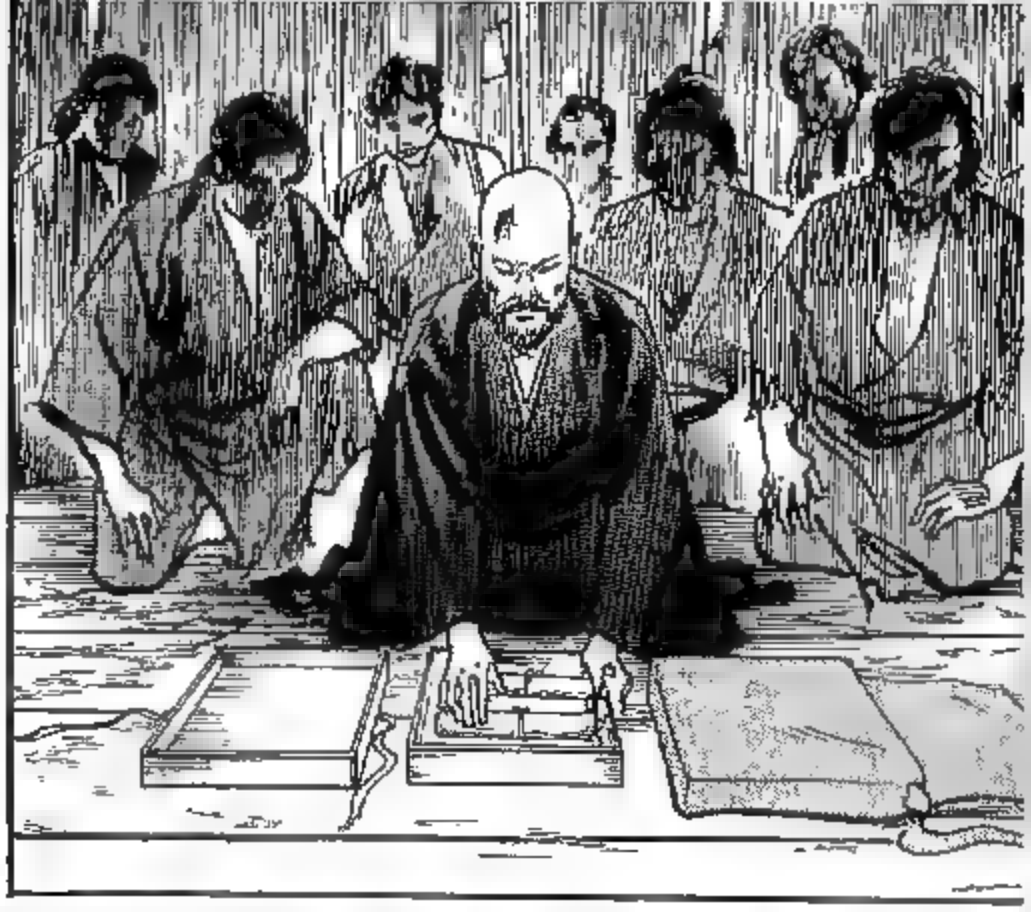
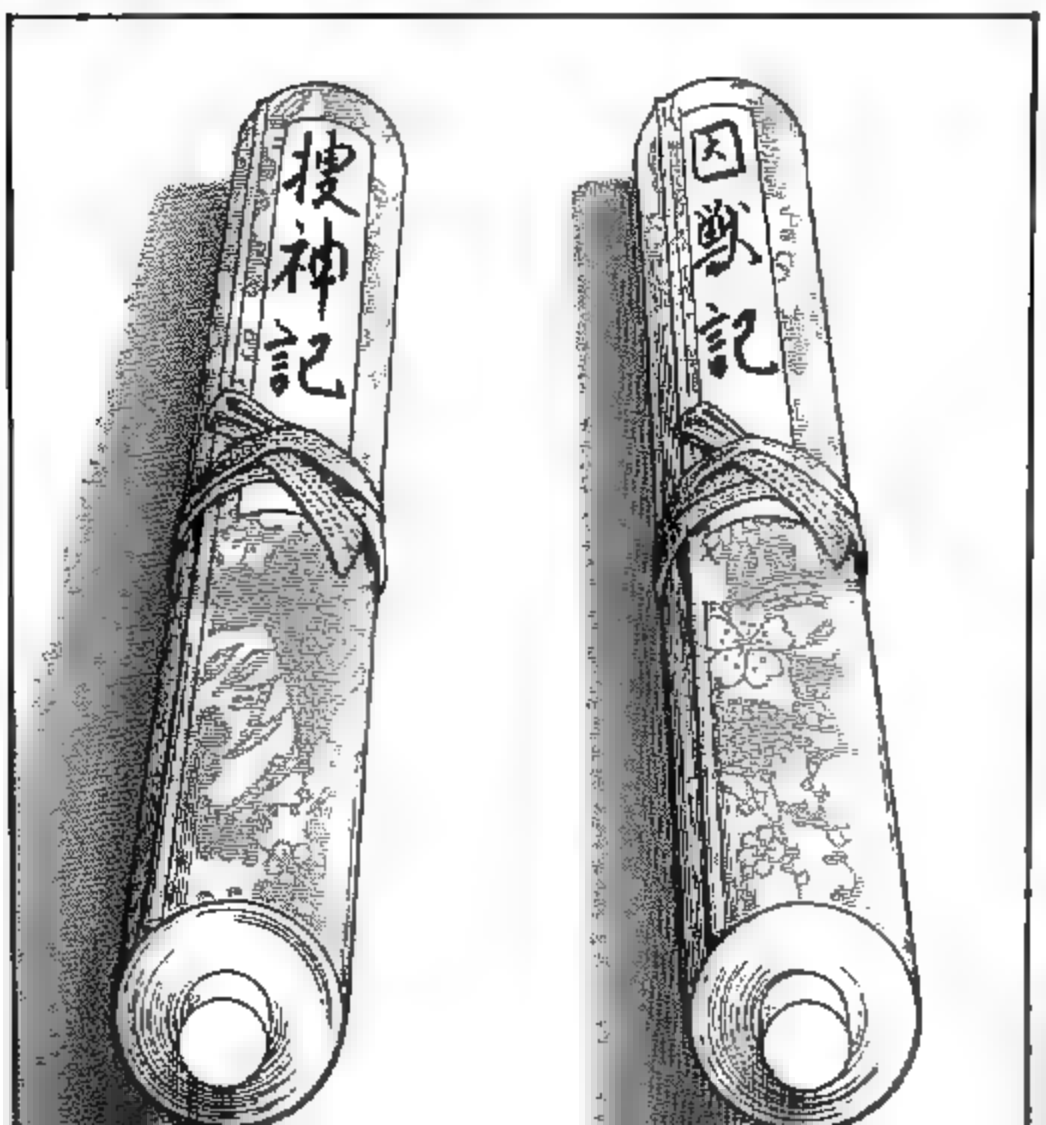
...I SMELL IT...

THE SCENT OF BEASTS ...



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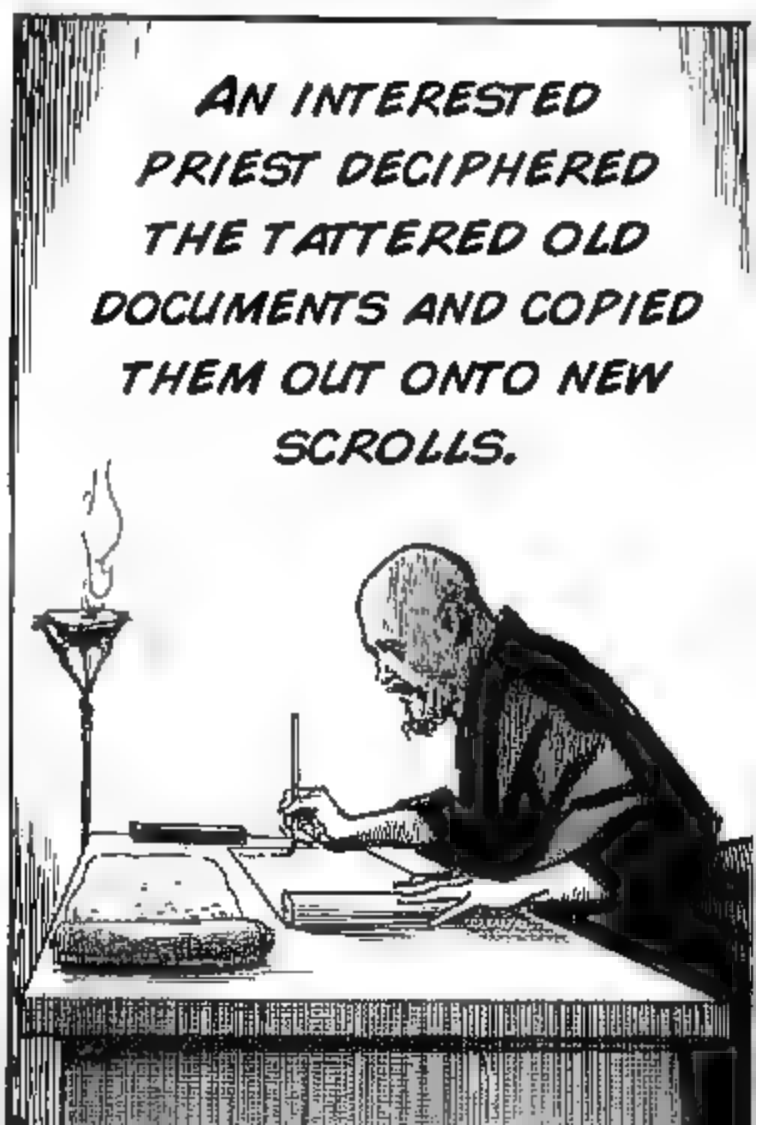
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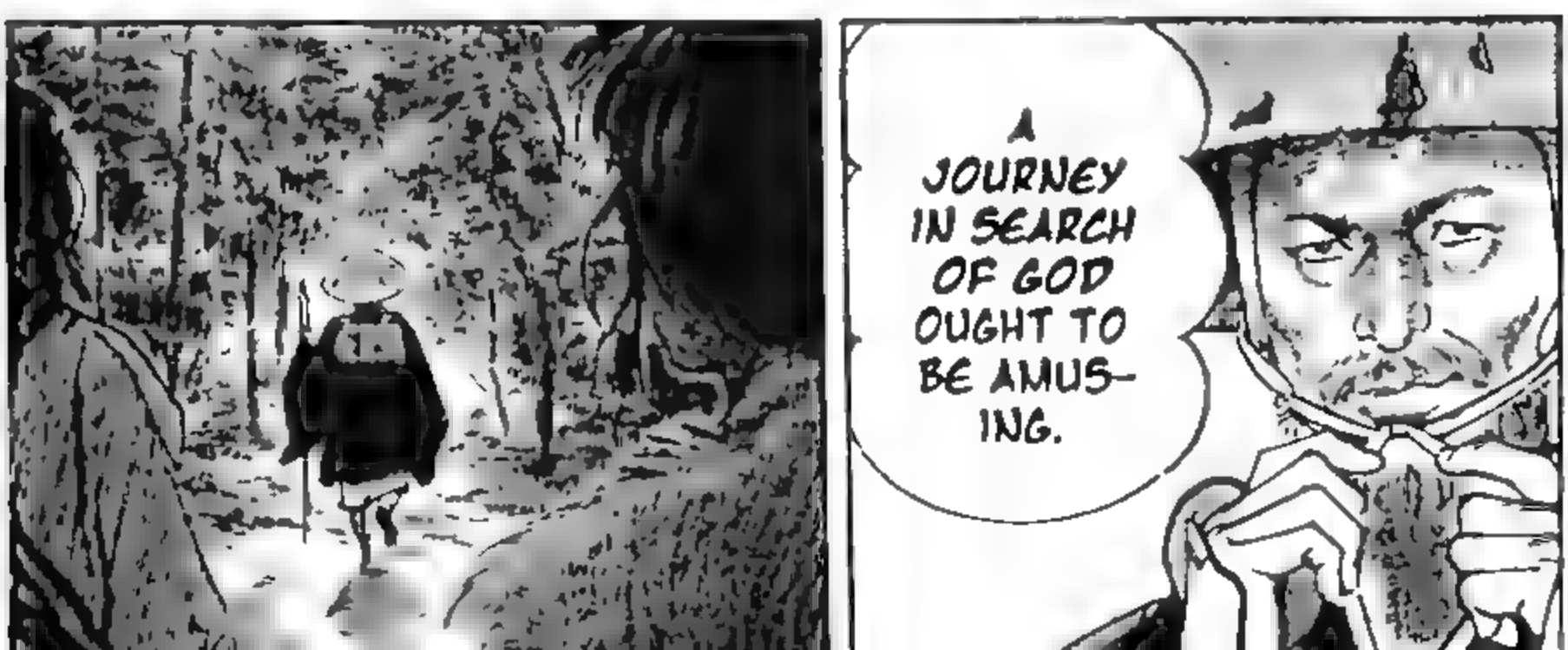

A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF GOD OUGHT TO BE AMUS-ING.

IN ORDER TO IMBUE THE CURSED BLADES WITH SPIRITUAL POWER, TWELVE STRONG MEN WERE CHOSEN AND EACH SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TO SLAY ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY...

THEIR MOVEMENTS AFTER THAT ARE UNKNOWN...

BUT... TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS LATER, AT SEKIGAHARA—

There were
twelve men
who wielded
their longswords
like demons...

THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY TO STAND AGAINST ME—

WILL EXHAUST ALL THE SECRET ARTS OF SANNOU ICHIJITSU SHINTO TO ENSURE THE ETERNAL PRO-TECTION OF THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE.

JUST AS STATED IN IEYASU'S WILL, I, THE HIGH PRIEST TENKAI,

THE RULE OF THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNATE BECAME ABSOLUTE, AND THE WORLD WAS AT PEACE...

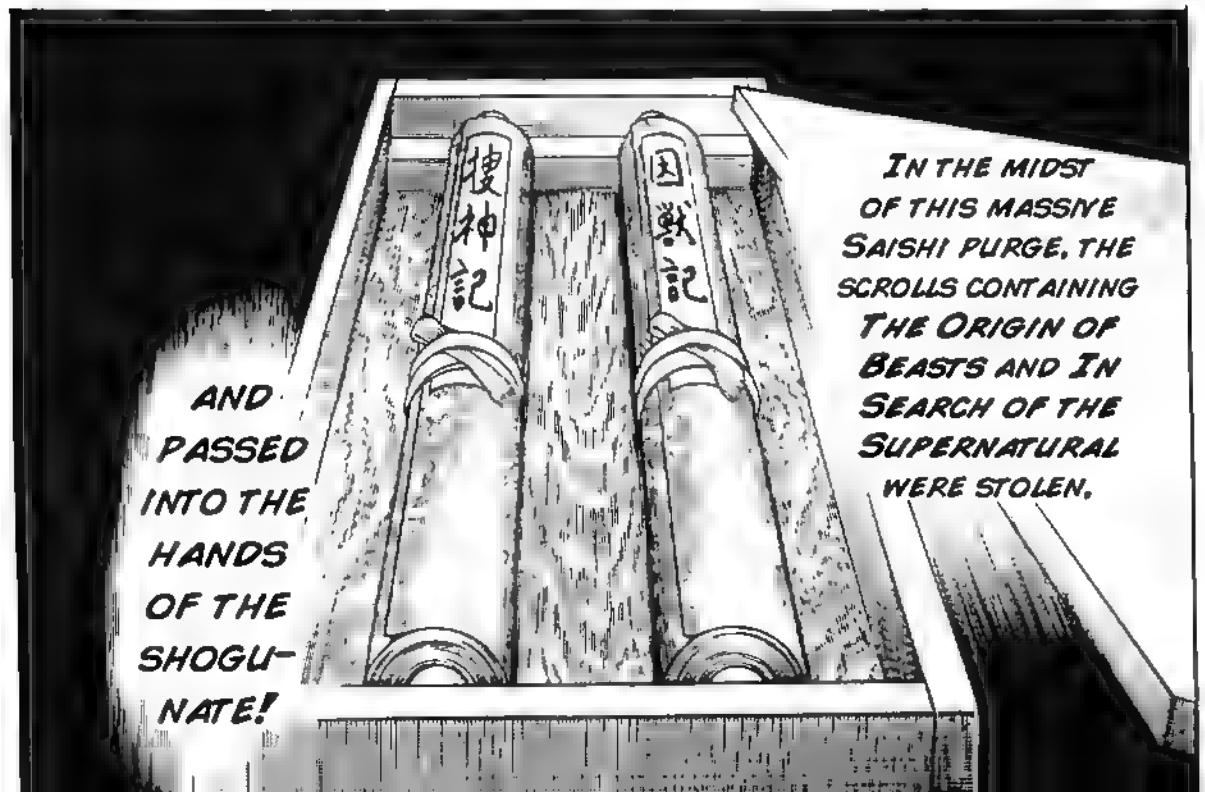
AND THEN, IN THE AGE OF THE THIRD TOKUGAWA SHOGUN, IEMITSU—

THE EERINESS OF THEIR EXISTENCE FAR OUTSTRIPPED EVEN THAT OF THE NINJA.

THEY FEARED THE SAISHI MIGHT TAKE UP ARMS AND REBEL.

WHEN THIS CAME TO PASS, THE SAISHI WERE NO LONGER NECESSARY TO THE RULING POWERS.

In the end, Saishi hunts were ordered!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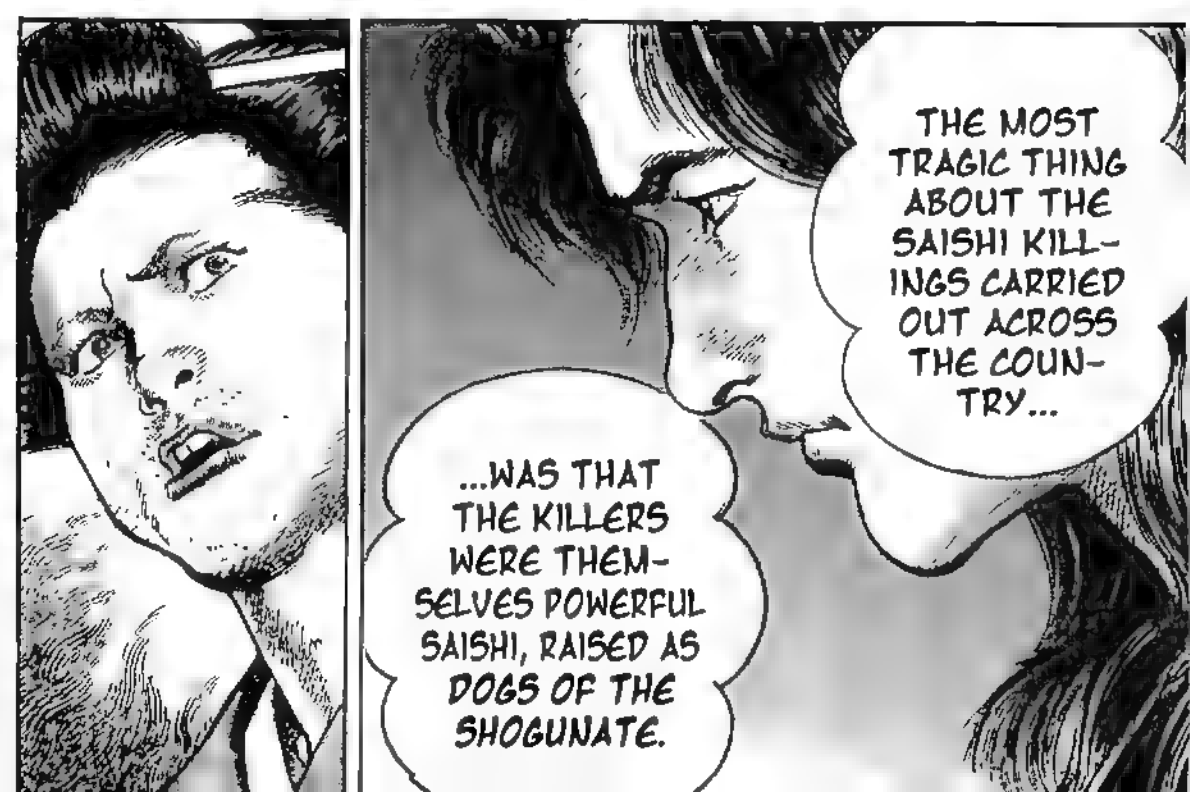
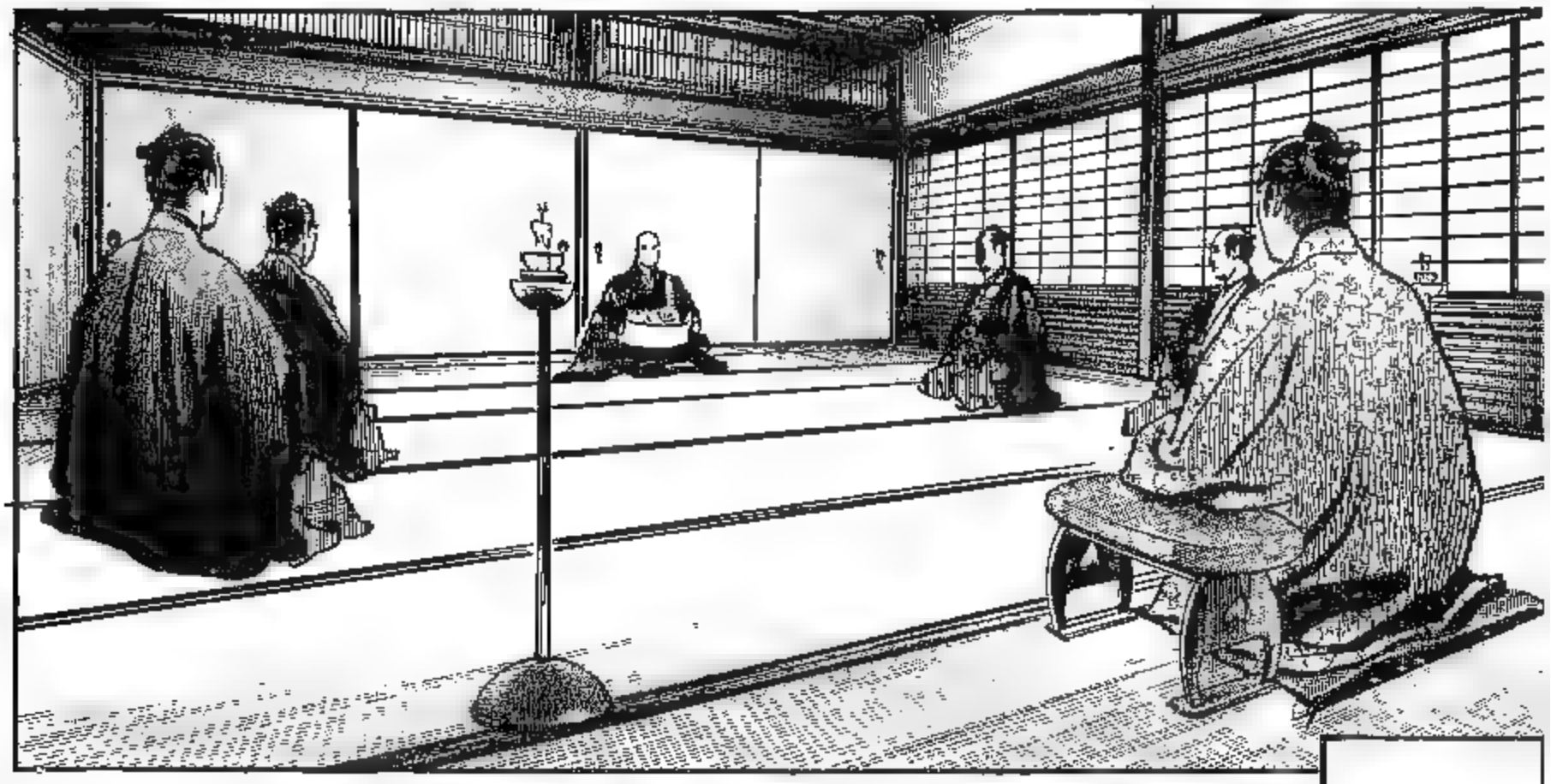
IN THE MIDST OF THIS MASSIVE SAISHI PURGE, THE SCROLLS CONTAINING THE ORIGIN OF BEASTS AND IN SEARCH OF THE SUPERNATURAL WERE STOLEN.
AND PASSED INTO THE HANDS OF THE SHOGUNATE!

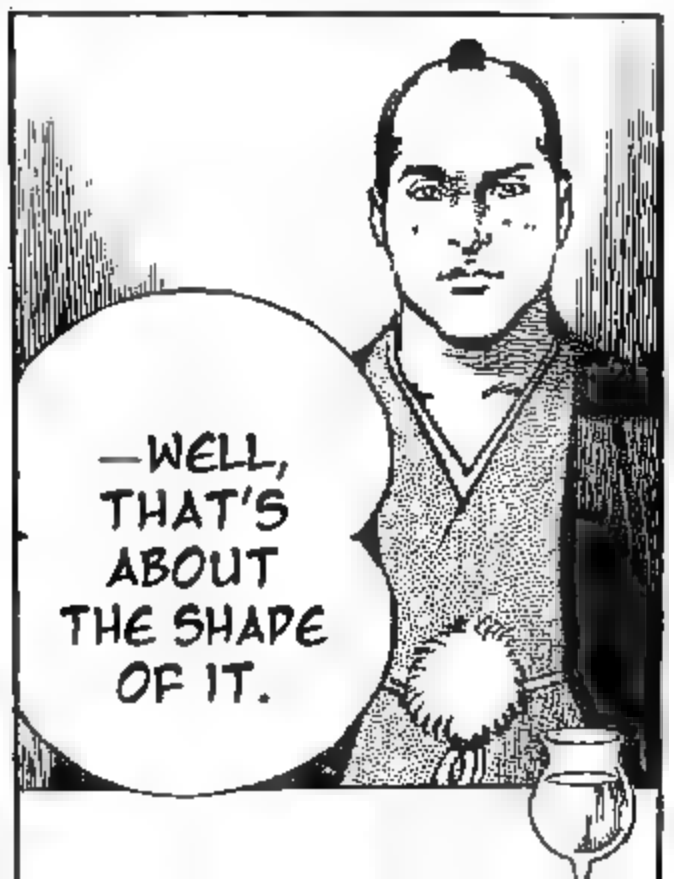

THE MOST TRAGIC THING ABOUT THE SAISHI KILLINGS CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY...
...WAS THAT THE KILLERS WERE THEMSELVES POWERFUL SAISHI, RAISED AS DOGS OF THE SHOGUNATE.

I NO LONGER WISH TO DIE!!

SOME DAY, THE SHOGUNATE WILL BE IN DANGER, AND THESE SCROLLS WILL BE ITS SALVATION; THEY WILL ENSURE THAT THE TOKUGAWA WILL REIGN FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

AFTER THE DEATH OF THE HIGH PRIEST, TENKAI, THE SCROLLS WERE SEALED AWAY DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF EDO CASTLE...

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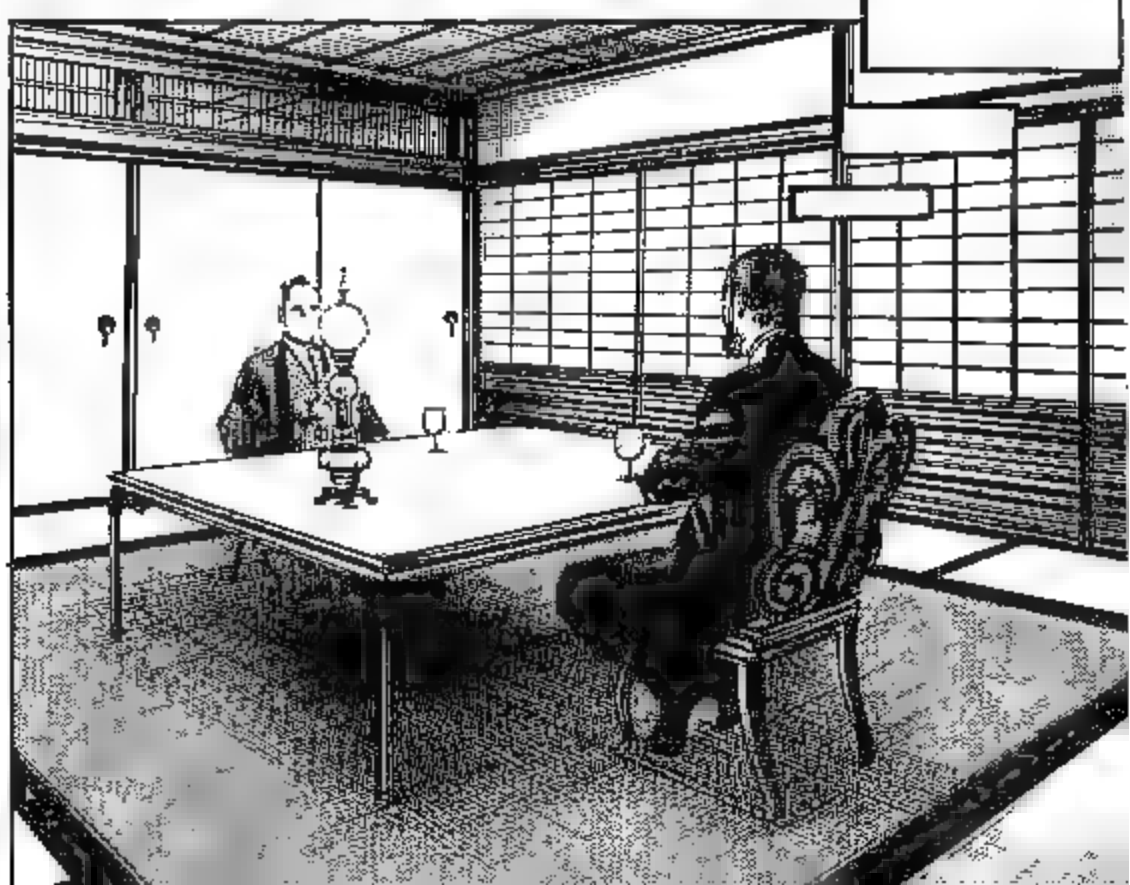

HUH!?
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I DON'T THINK THAT STORY IS NONSENSE AT ALL.

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IN THE NATURAL PHILOSOPHY OF ANCIENT GREECE, THERE EXISTS A MASSIVE ENERGY CALLED AETHER.

RIGHT NOW, IN FRANCE... NO, ALL THROUGHOUT EUROPE, A KIND OF SPIRITUALISM IS GAINING GROUND.

IS THEORIZED TO BE THE COMPONENT SUBSTANCE OF THE UNIVERSE THAT GIVES RISE TO THE COURSES OF THE HEAVENLY BODIES.

AETHER, IMAGINED TO BE THE FIFTH ELEMENT, AFTER EARTH, WATER, FIRE, AND AIR,

EVENTUALLY, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE INTERMEDIARY LINKING LIGHT, ELECTRICITY, MAGNETISM AND THE OTHER FORCES.

IN OUR MODERN AGE, IT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE IN-TERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLDS.

IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE ADMIT THE EXIS-TENCE OF AETHER,

WE CAN CONSIDER THE REVIVAL OF SAIOUHI IN THIS WORLD AS A REAL POSSIBI-LITY...

I AM NO SPIRITUALIST MYSELF, BUT YOU, WHO REC-OMMENDED THE ACQUISITION OF MODERN WEA-PONS TO THE SHOGUNATE,

MUST HAVE SOME IN-TEREST IN THE EXISTENCE OF THAT TREMENDOUS HOARD OF GOLD.

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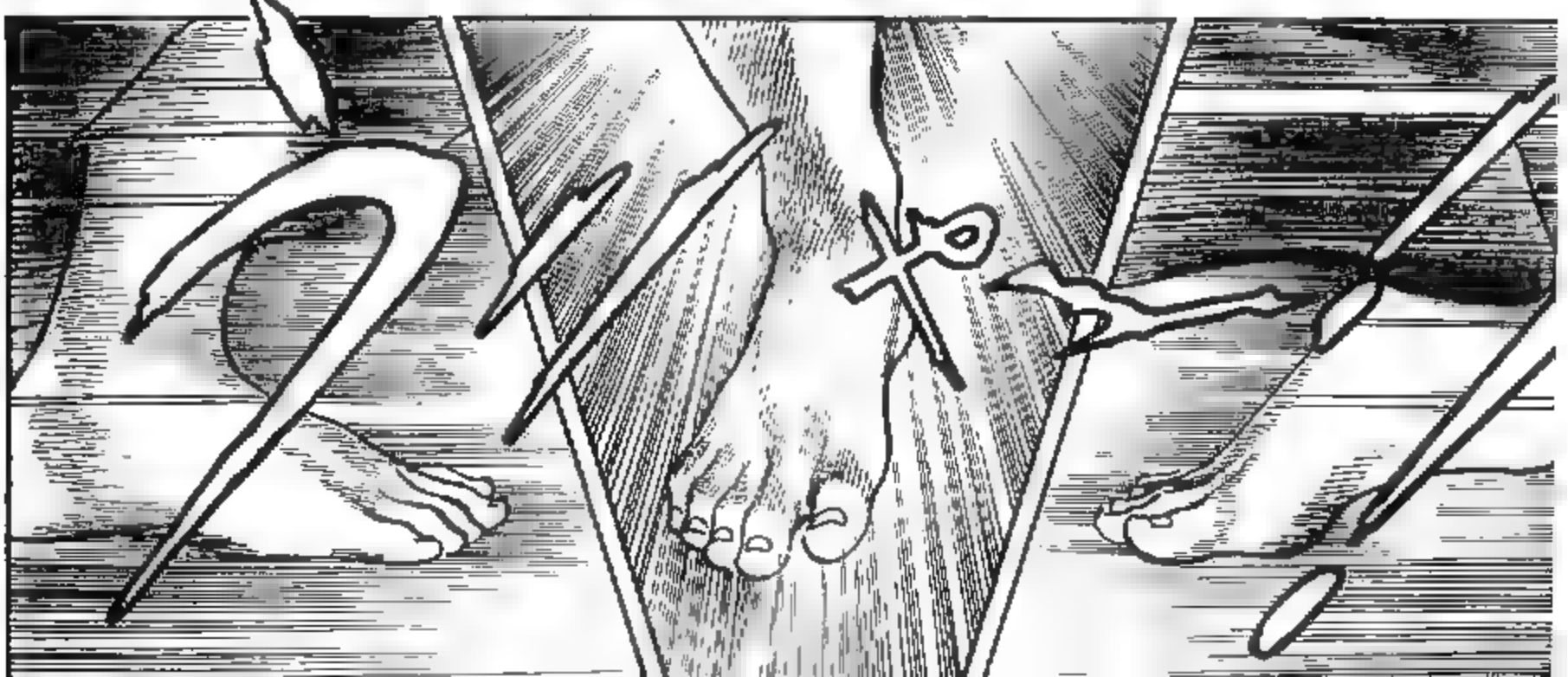
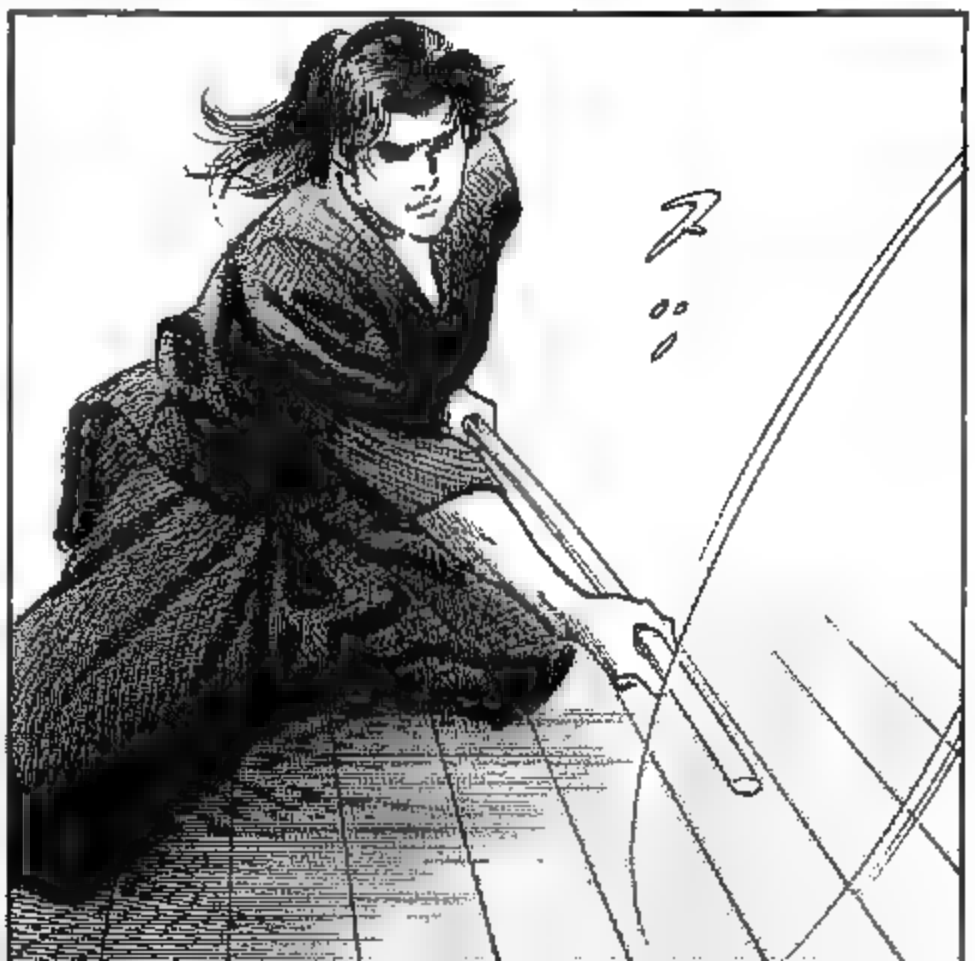




Grr...
Ooo!

NEXT !!

GUH ...!

SIR ONI-ZUKA...

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO MATSUDAIRA KATAMORI,
HIIRAGI DAIGAKU

LEADER OF THE KYOTO PATROL GROUP,
SASAKI TADASABUROU

...AS I THOUGHT, IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FORGET.

HE'S NOT HUMAN! HE HAS THE BLOOD OF BEASTS! HE'S A SAISHI, WITH VENOM RUNNING THROUGH HIS VEINS!

HE NO LONGER HAS A HUMAN HEART; HE'S A BEAST!!

KNOWING FULL WELL OF THE POISON HE CARRIES, HE RAPES AND MURDERS INNOCENT GIRLS...

...BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANY PROOF THAT SIR TSUKINO-SUKE IS THE CULPRIT...

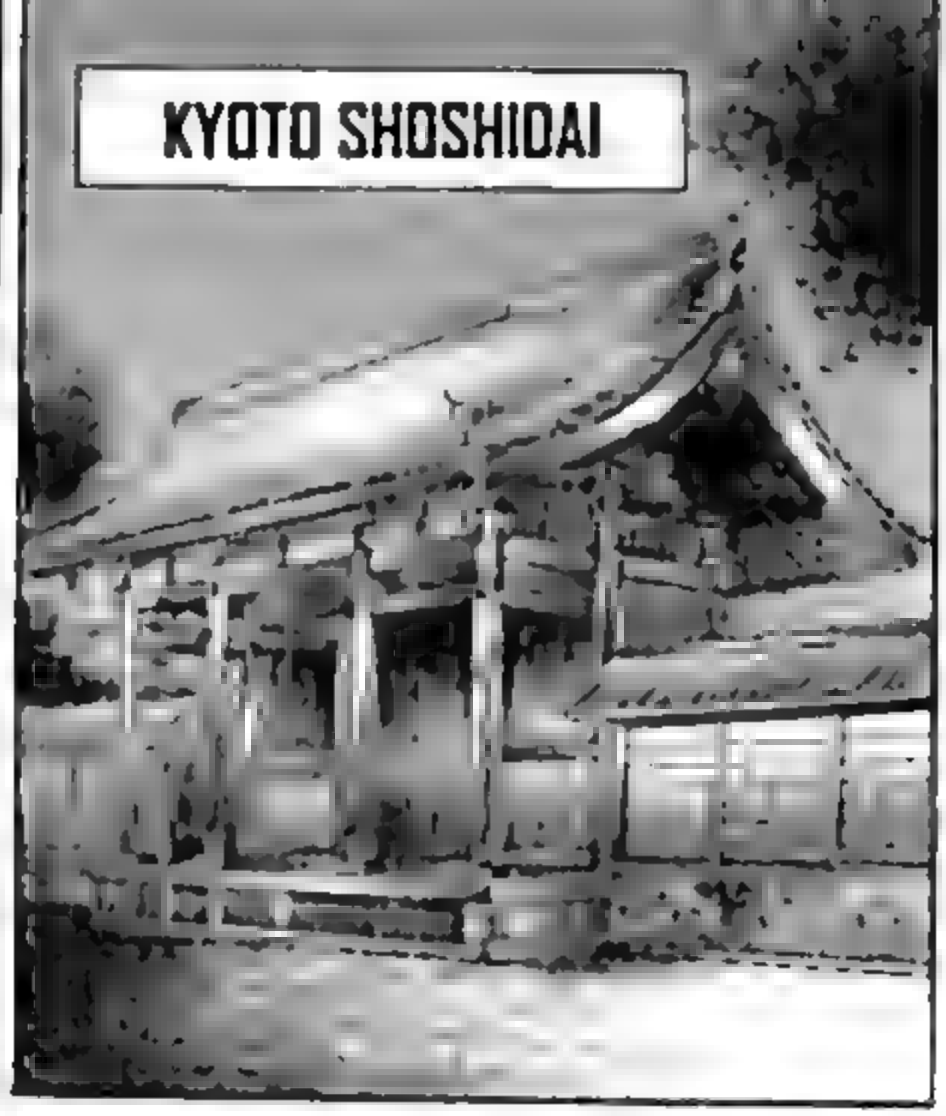
DO NOT WORRY. ONE DAY YOU AND IZUMI WILL SURELY BECOME HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND YOU WILL BE ADOPTED INTO THE HIIRAGI FAMILY AND FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS...

HIIRAGI clinic

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I HAVE SPOKEN OF THIS TO IZUMI OFTEN BEFORE NOW, SO...

...GEN TSUKINO-SUKE WILL BE CUT DOWN BEFORE LONG.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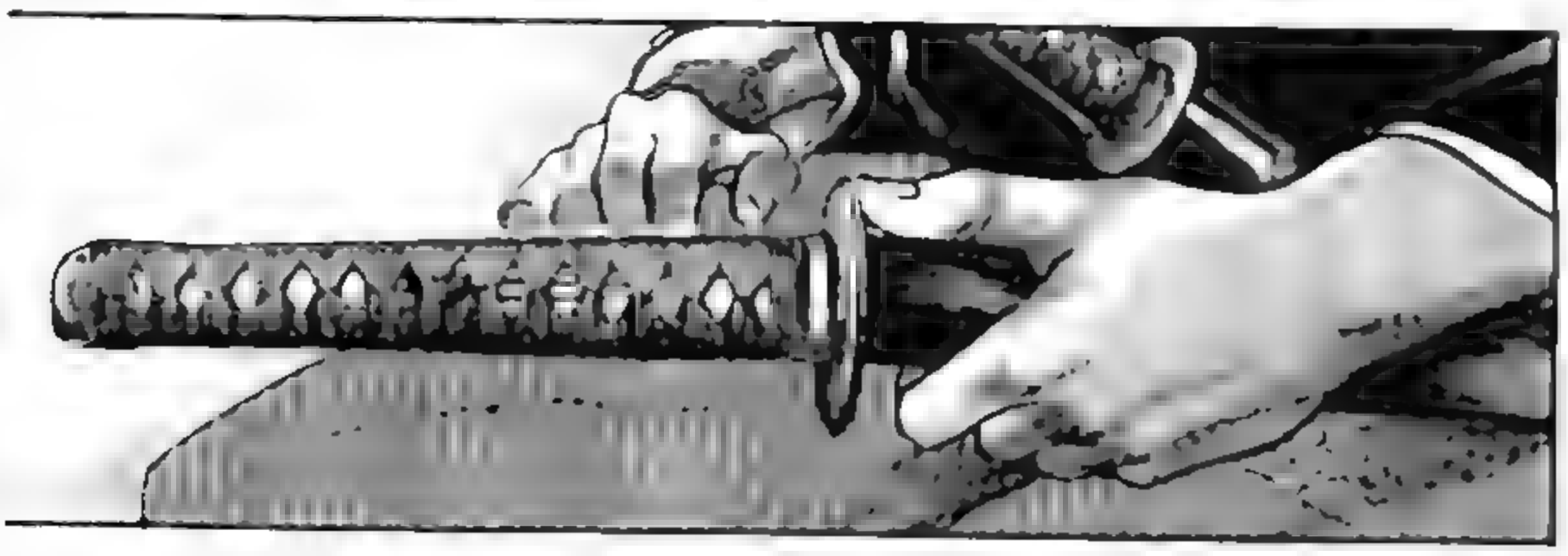

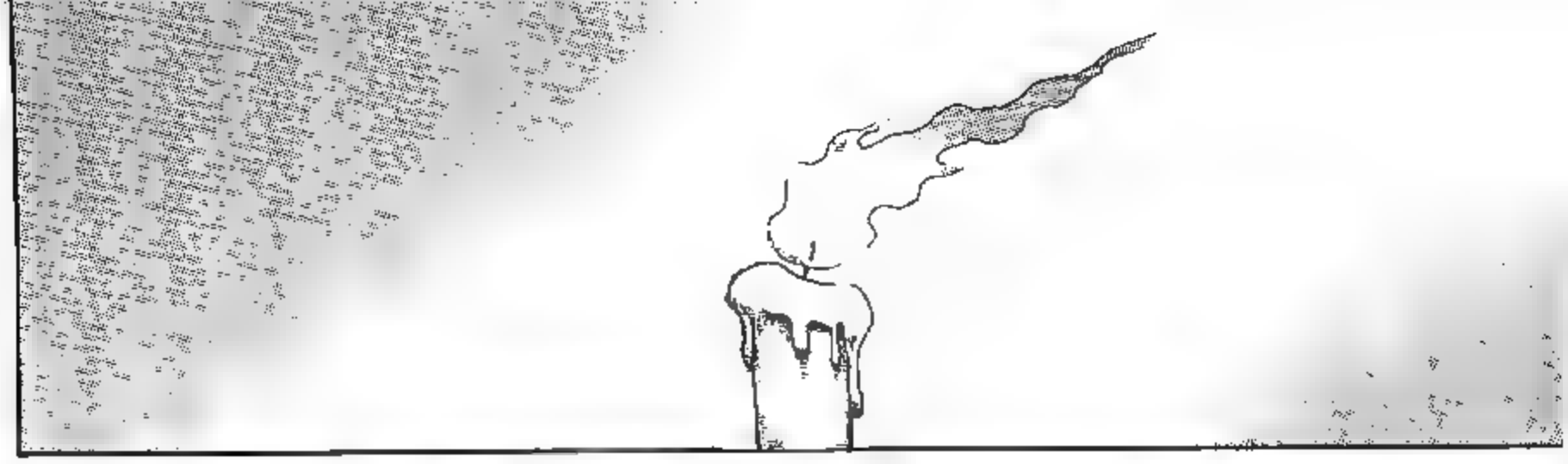

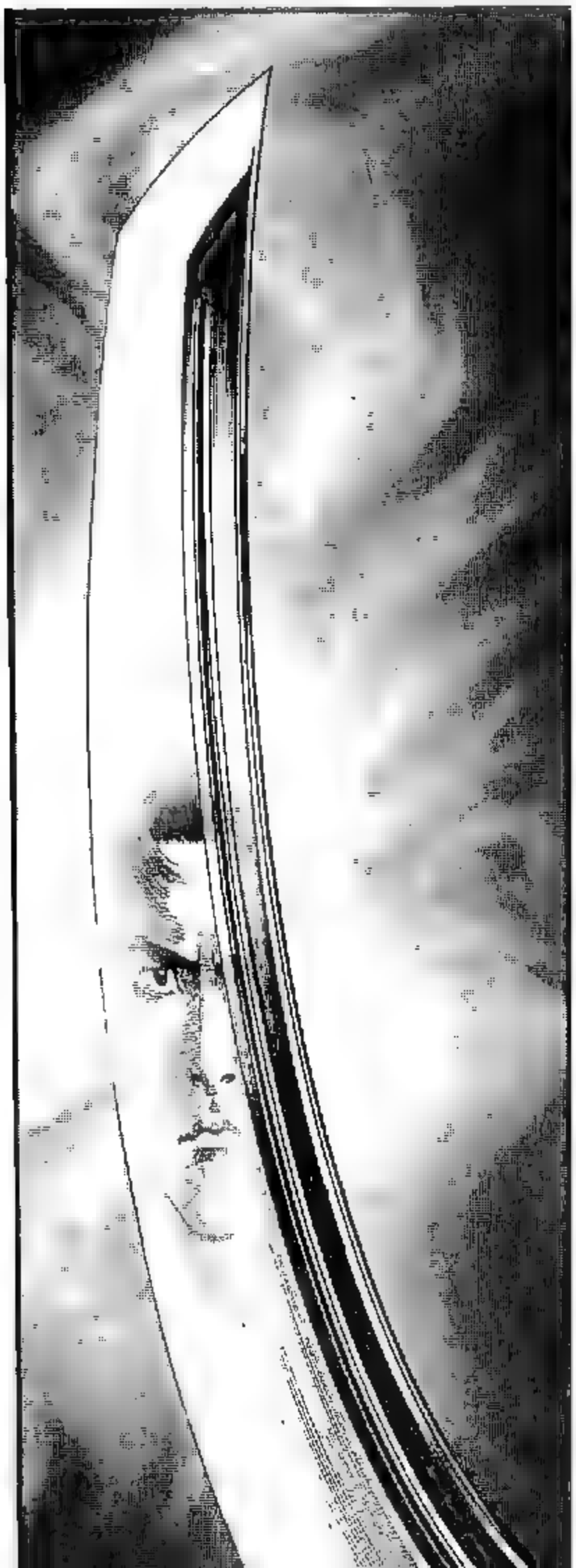

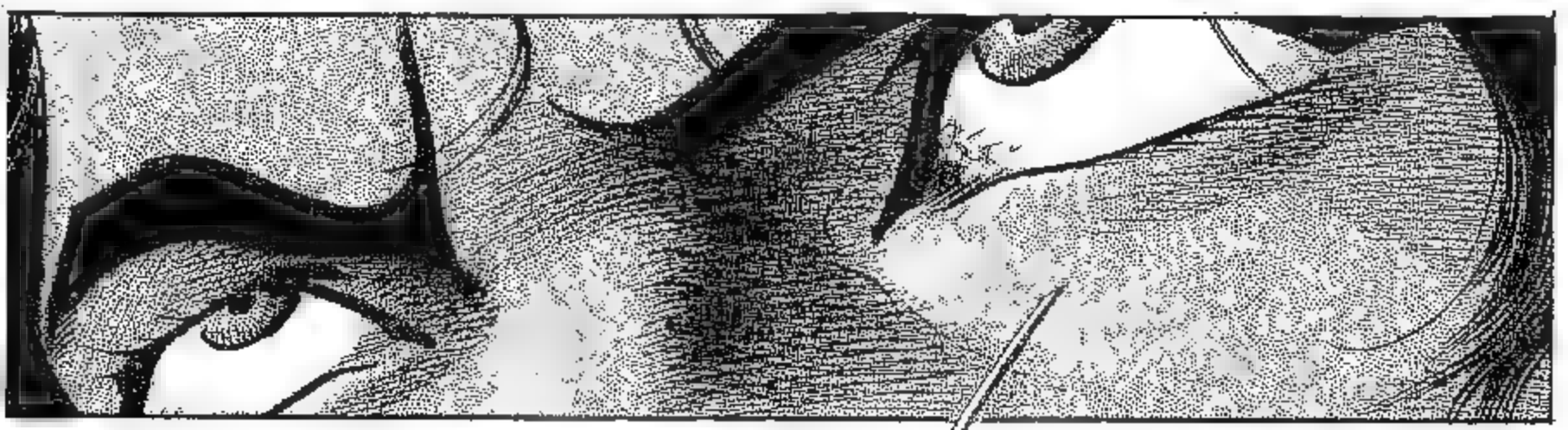

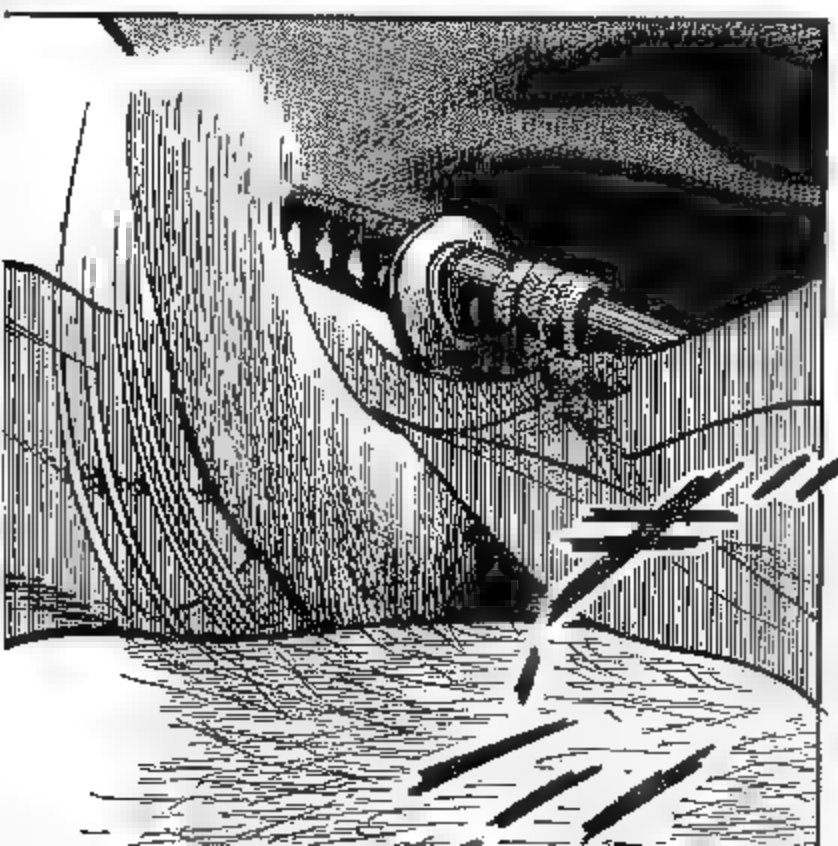

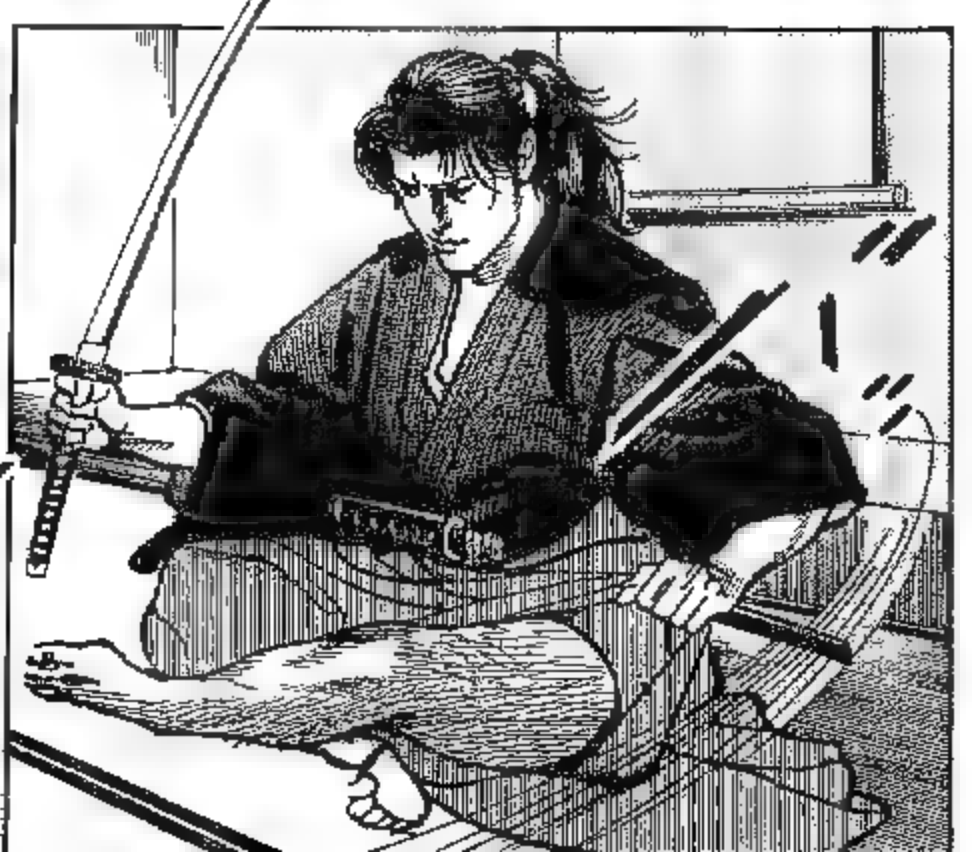

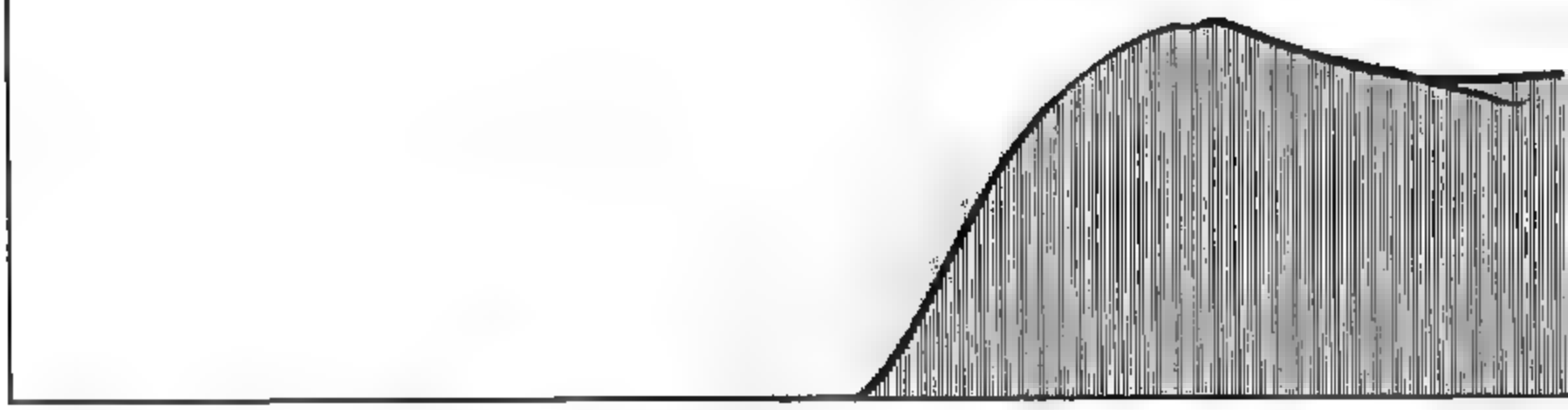

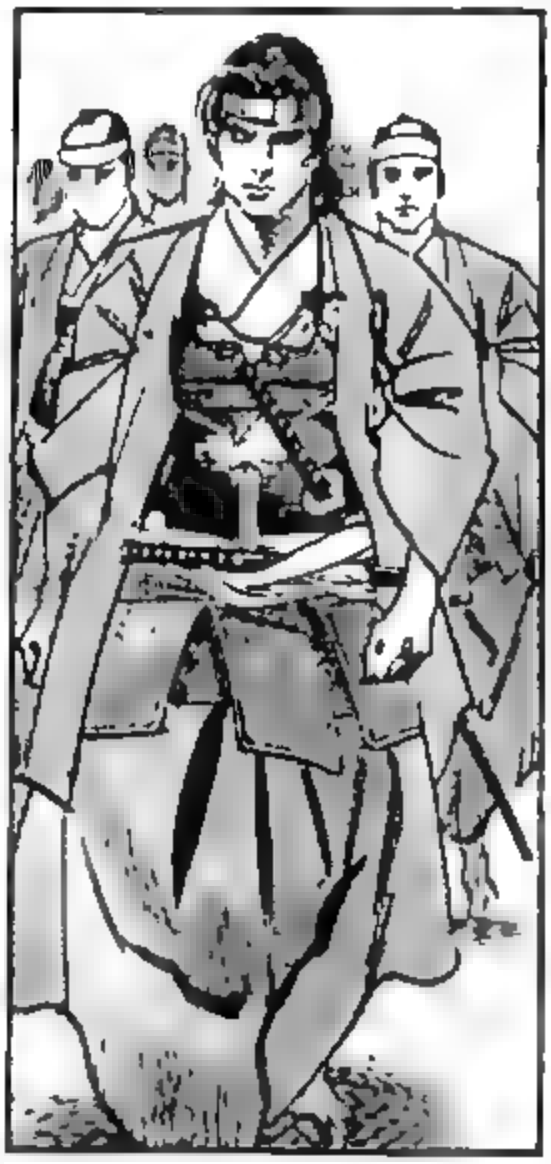

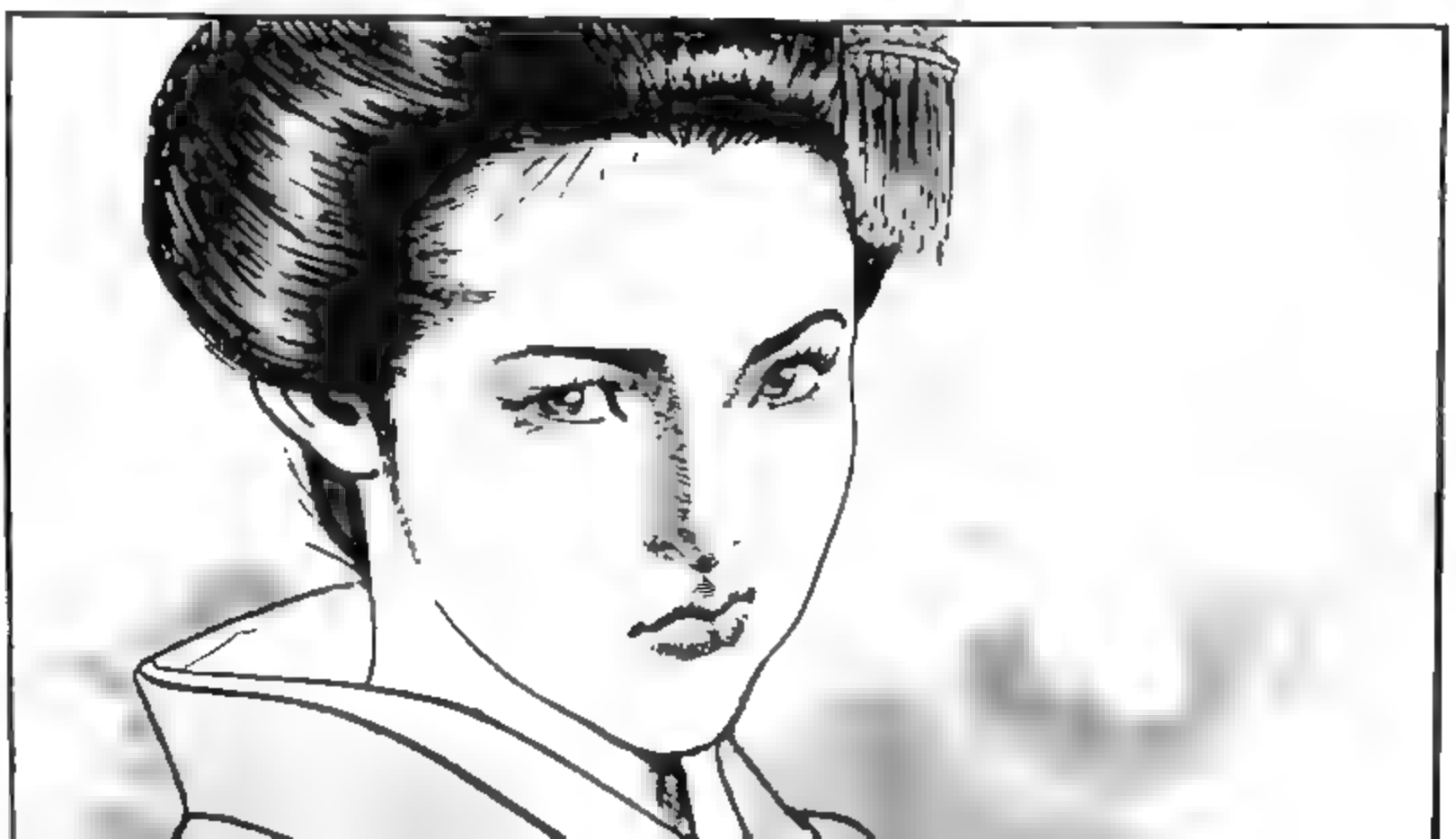

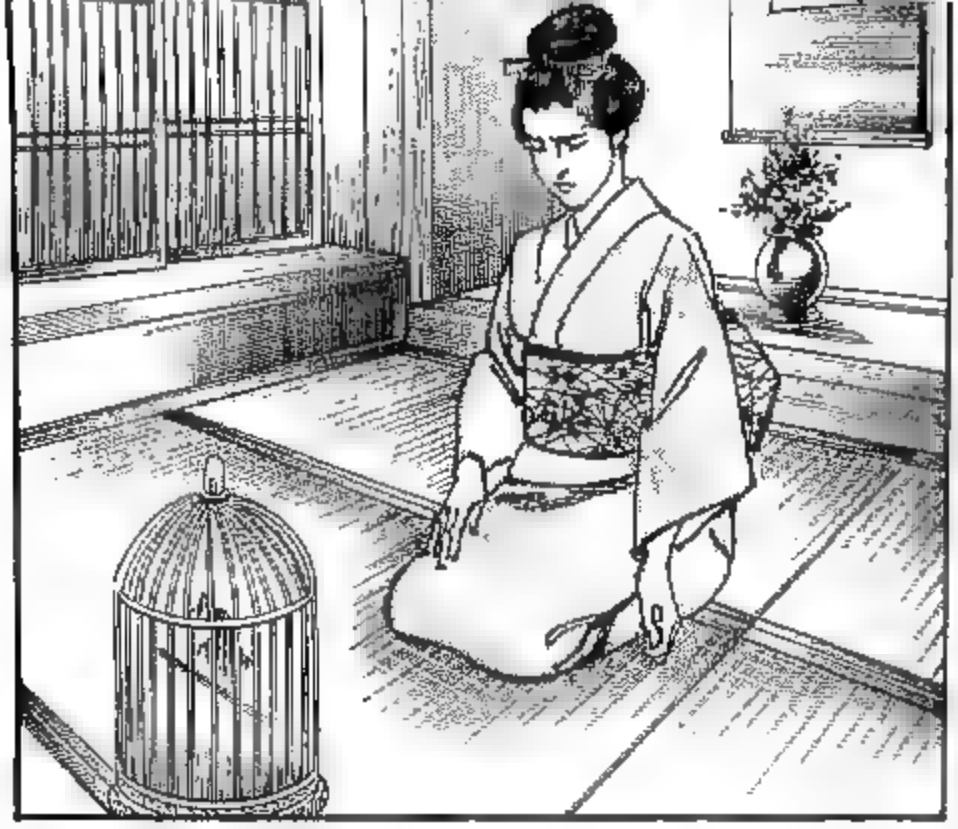

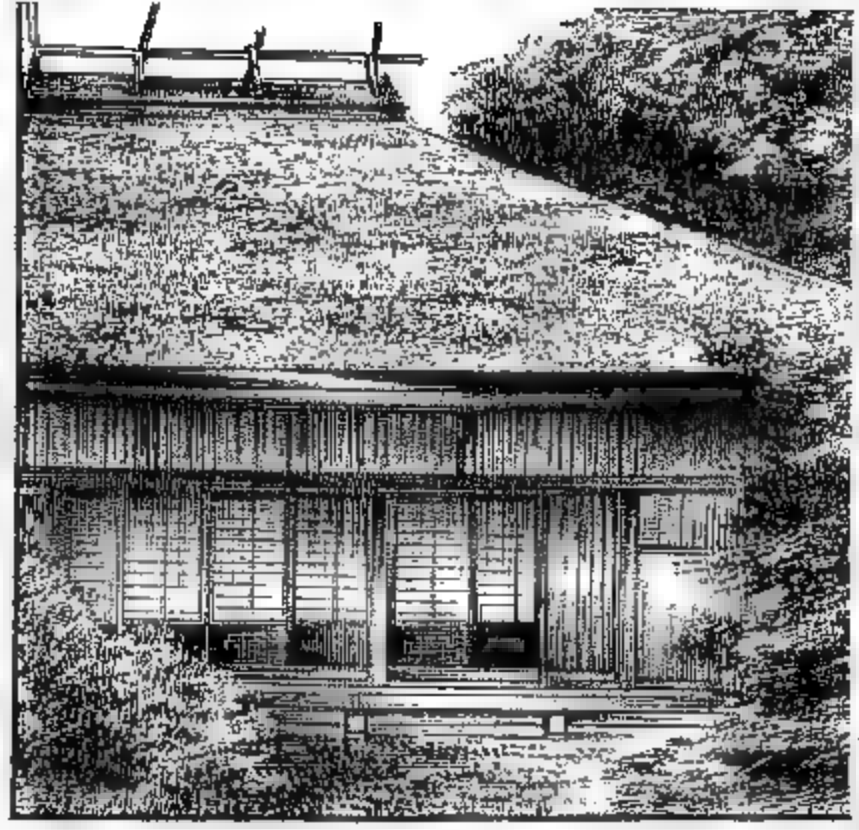

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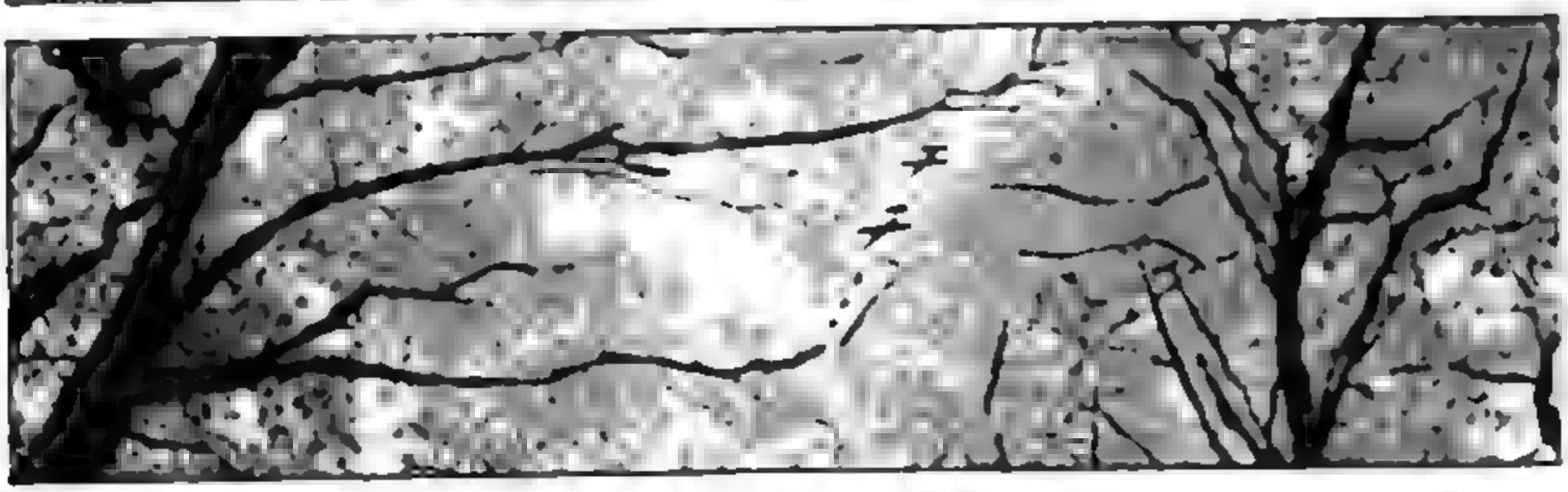
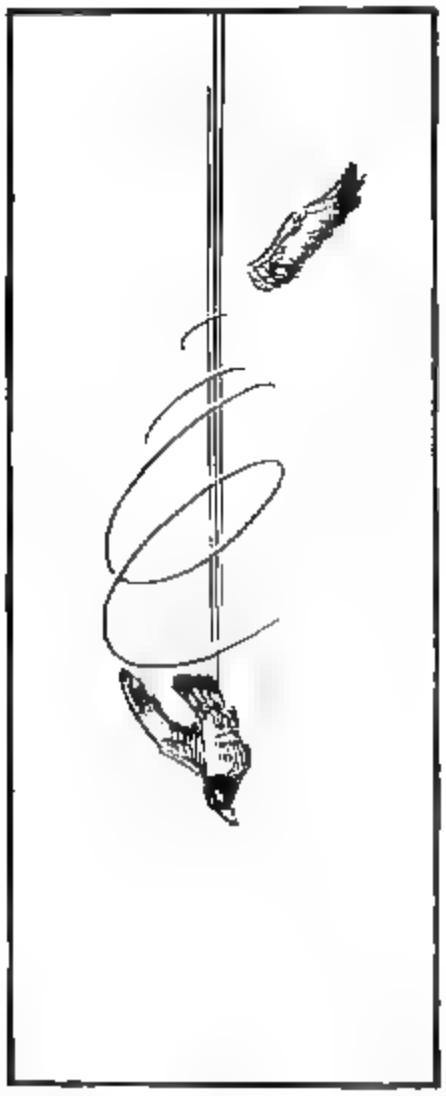
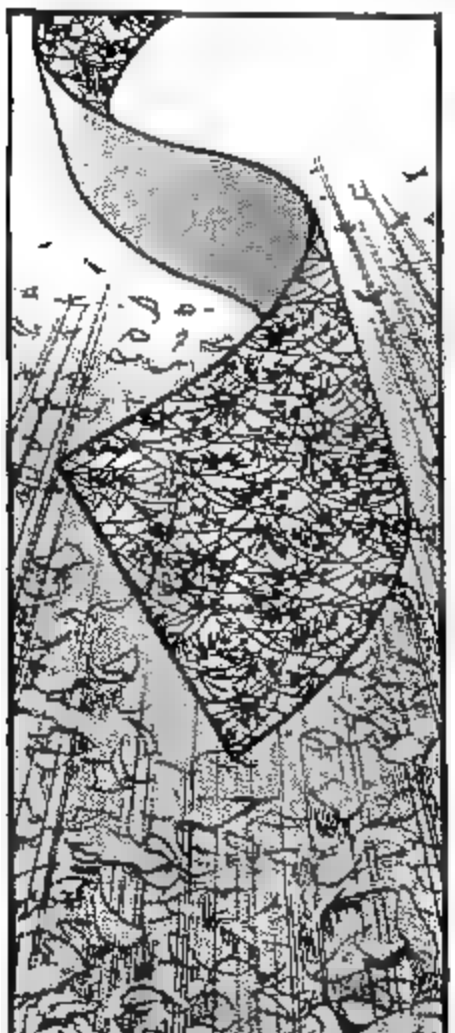
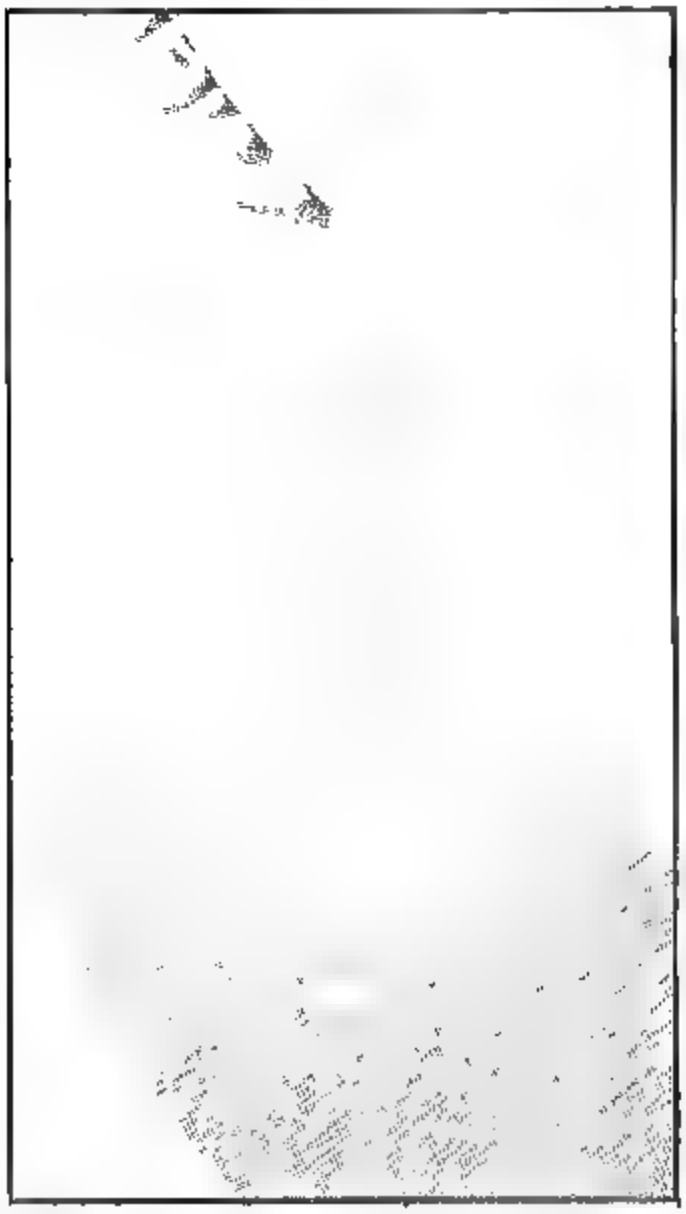
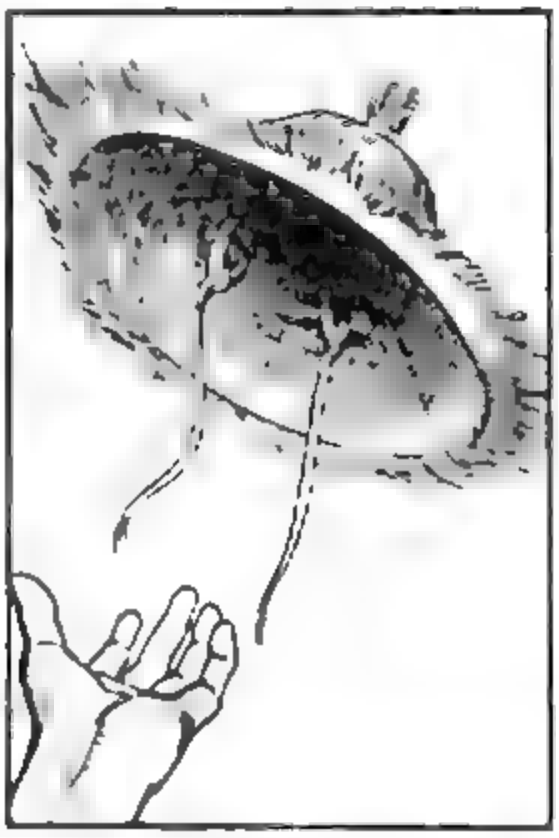


SIR TSUKI-NO-SUKE...









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TSUKI
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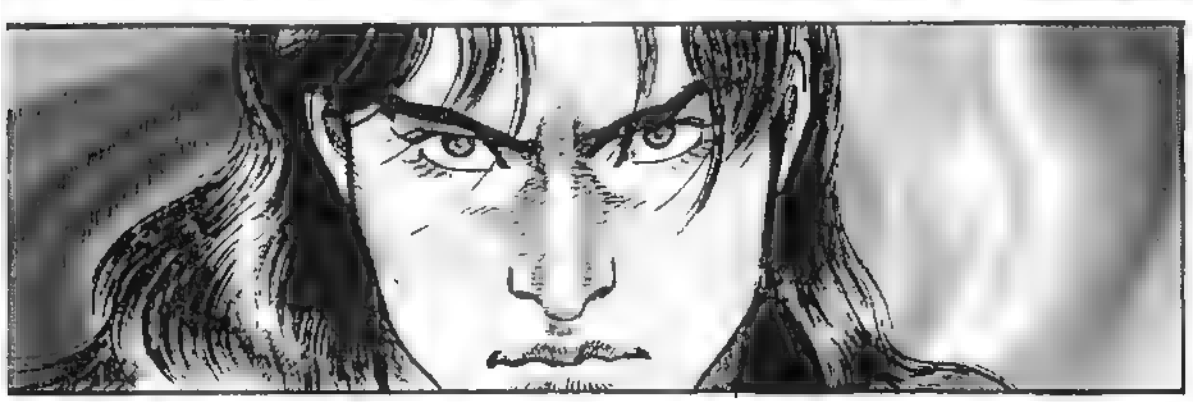
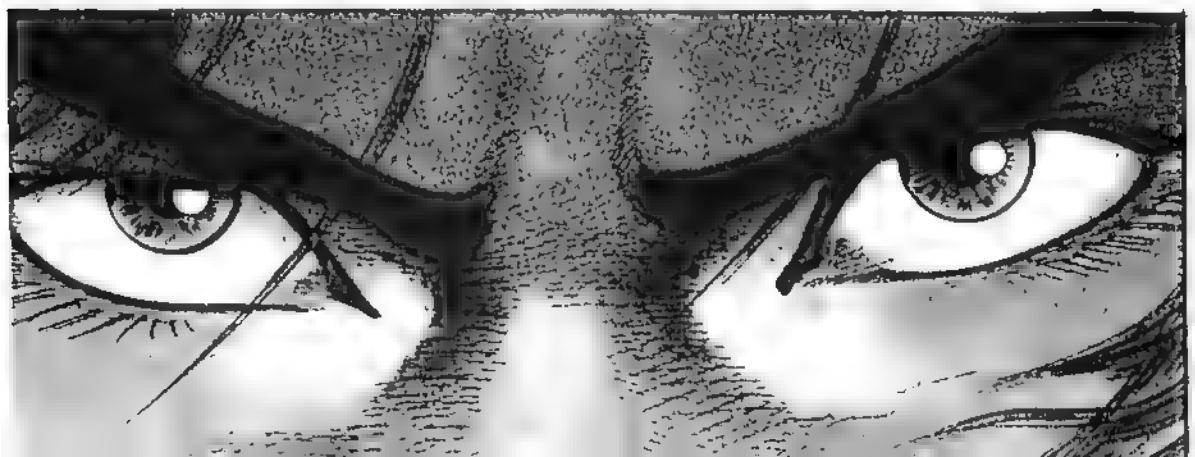
BE CAREFUL, TSUKI-NOSUKE! THAT'S HIM!

THE RAMPAGING LION WHO CUT A SWATH THROUGH THE CHOUSHUU FORCES AT KINMON!





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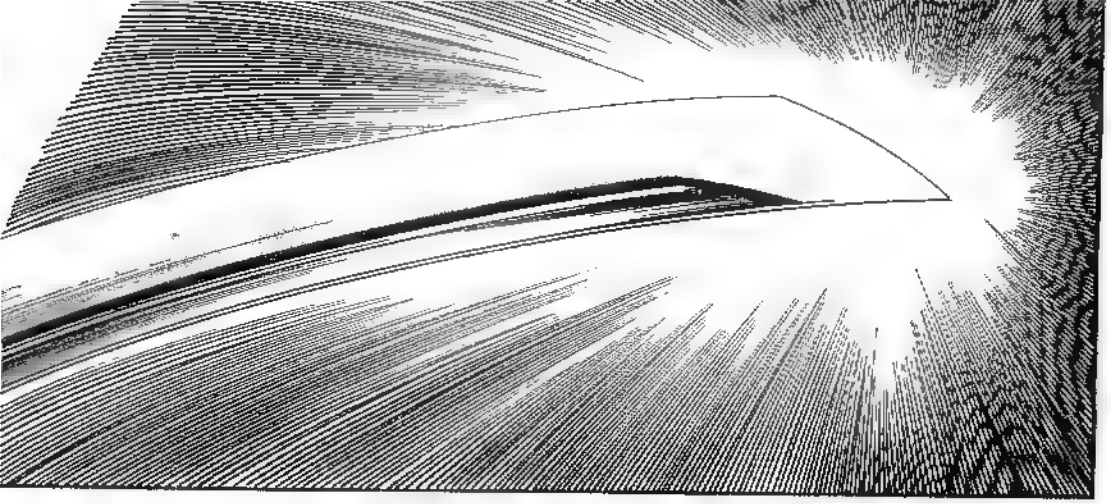

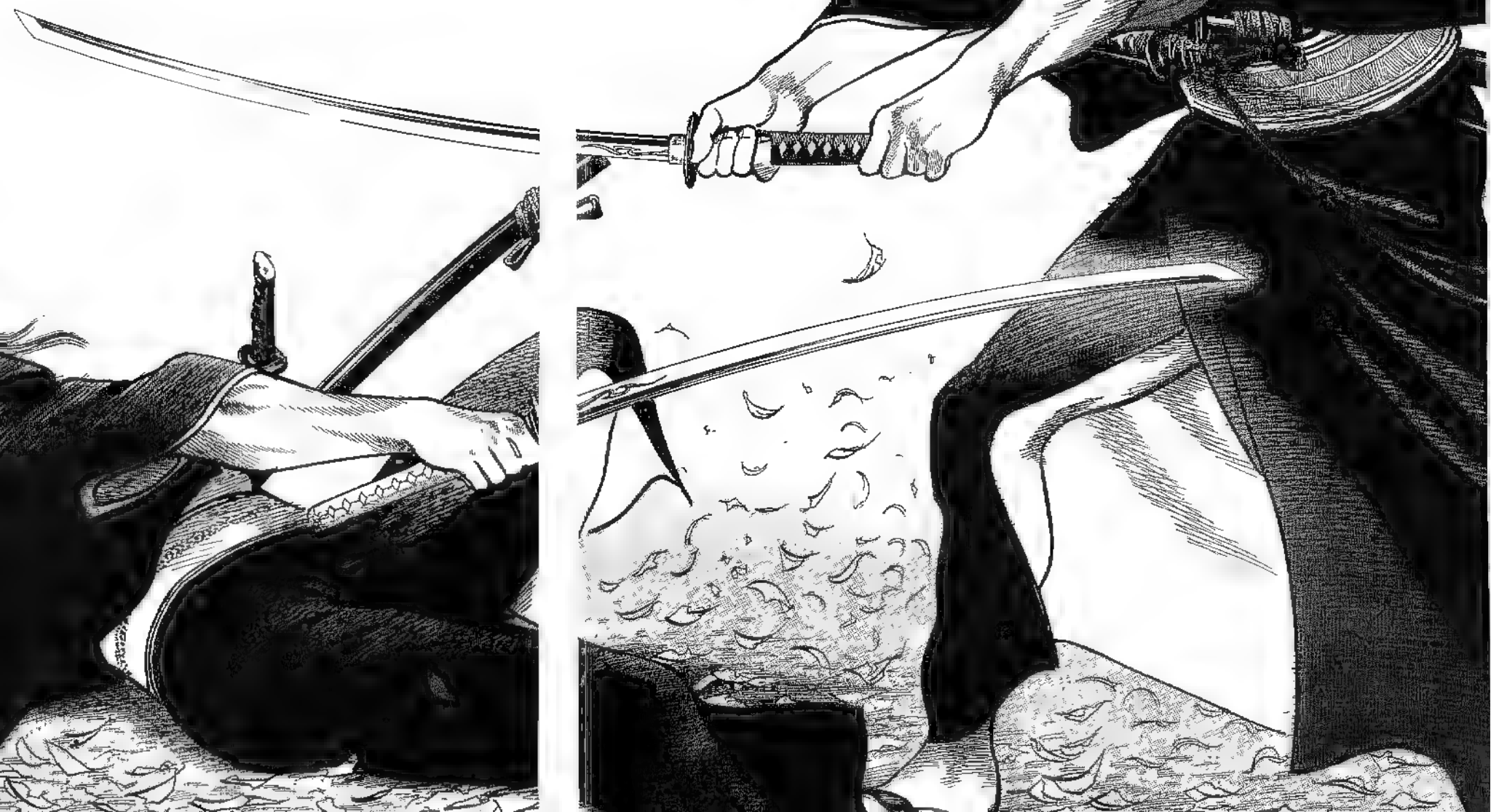

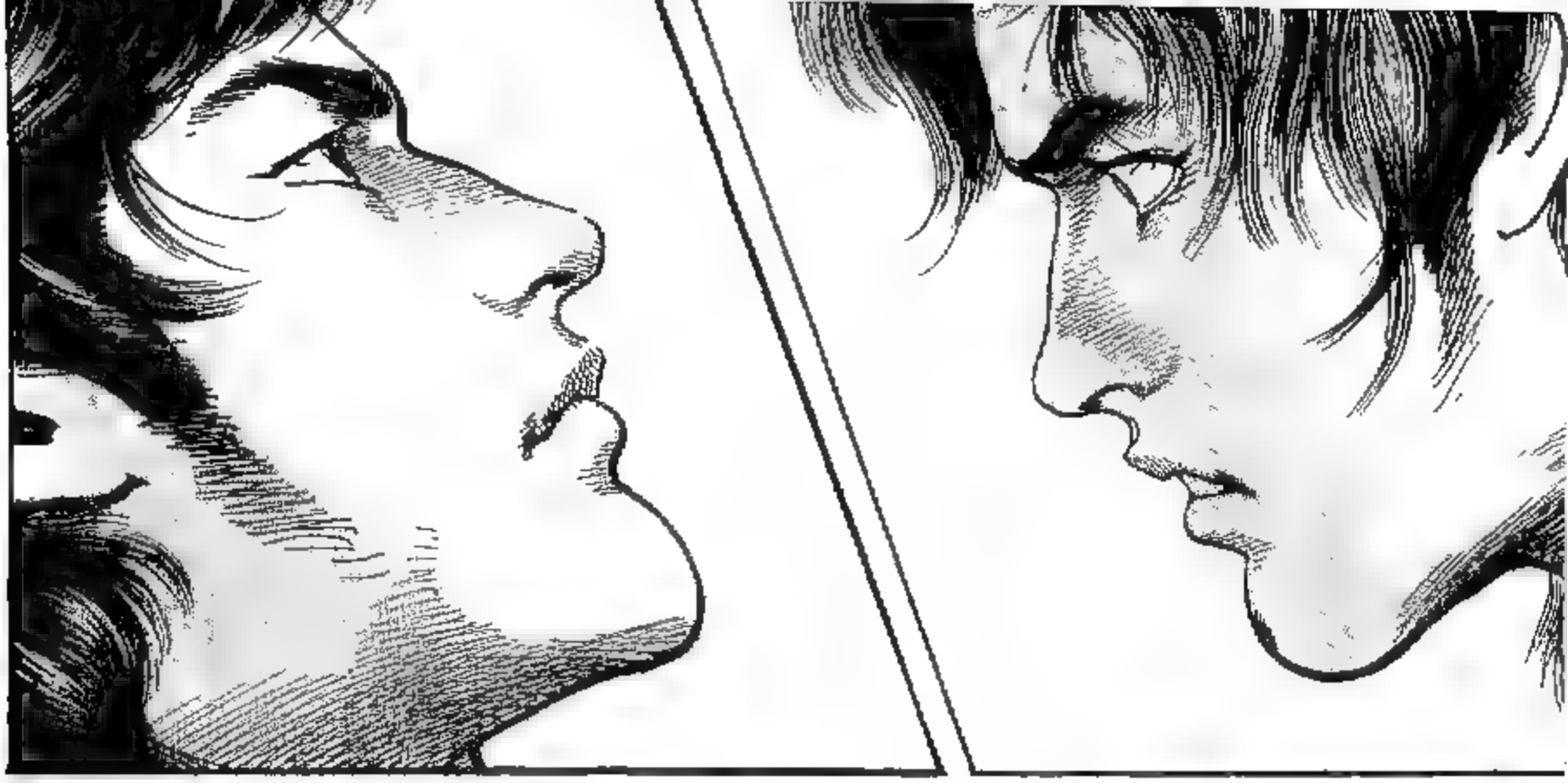

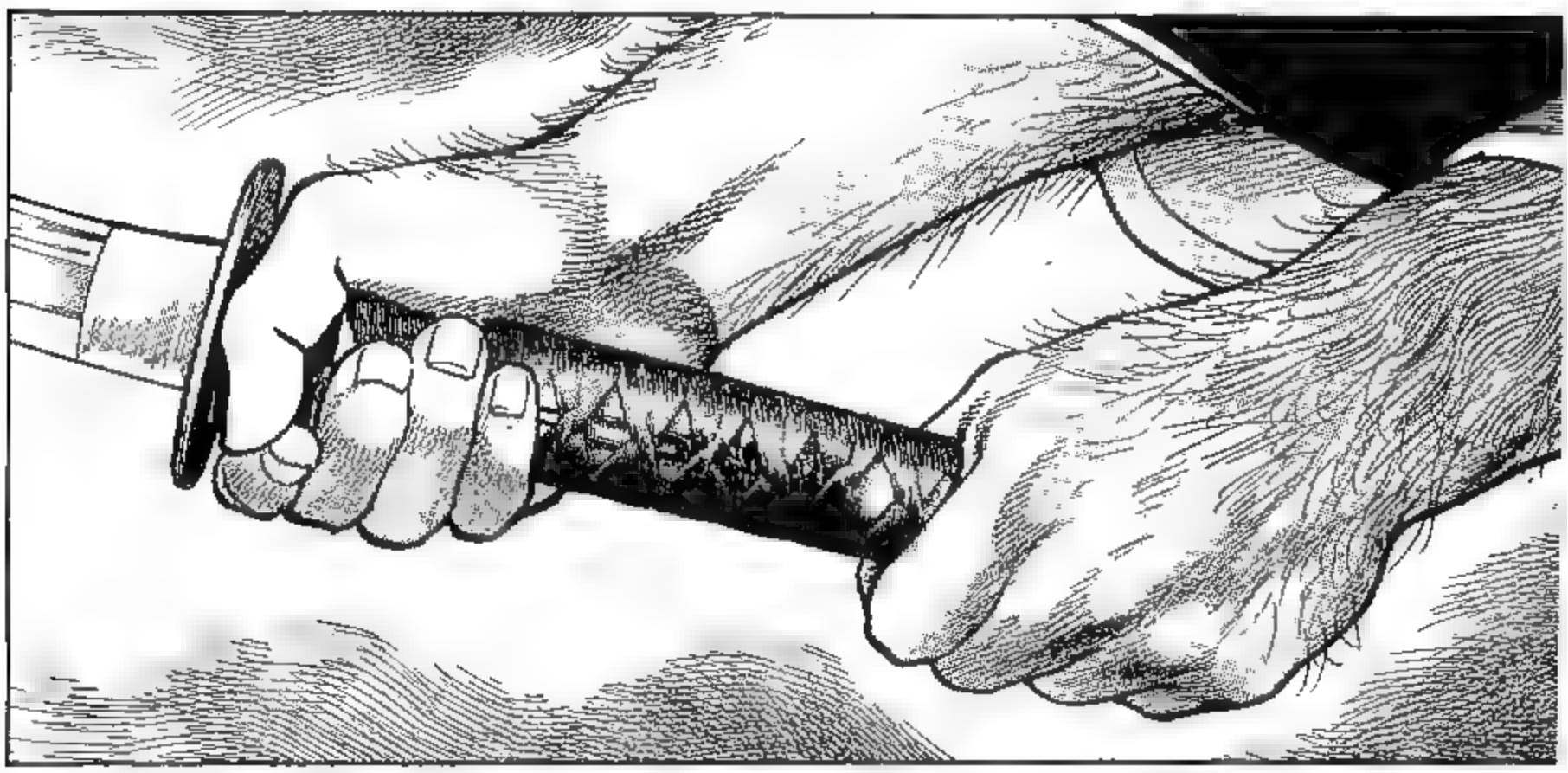

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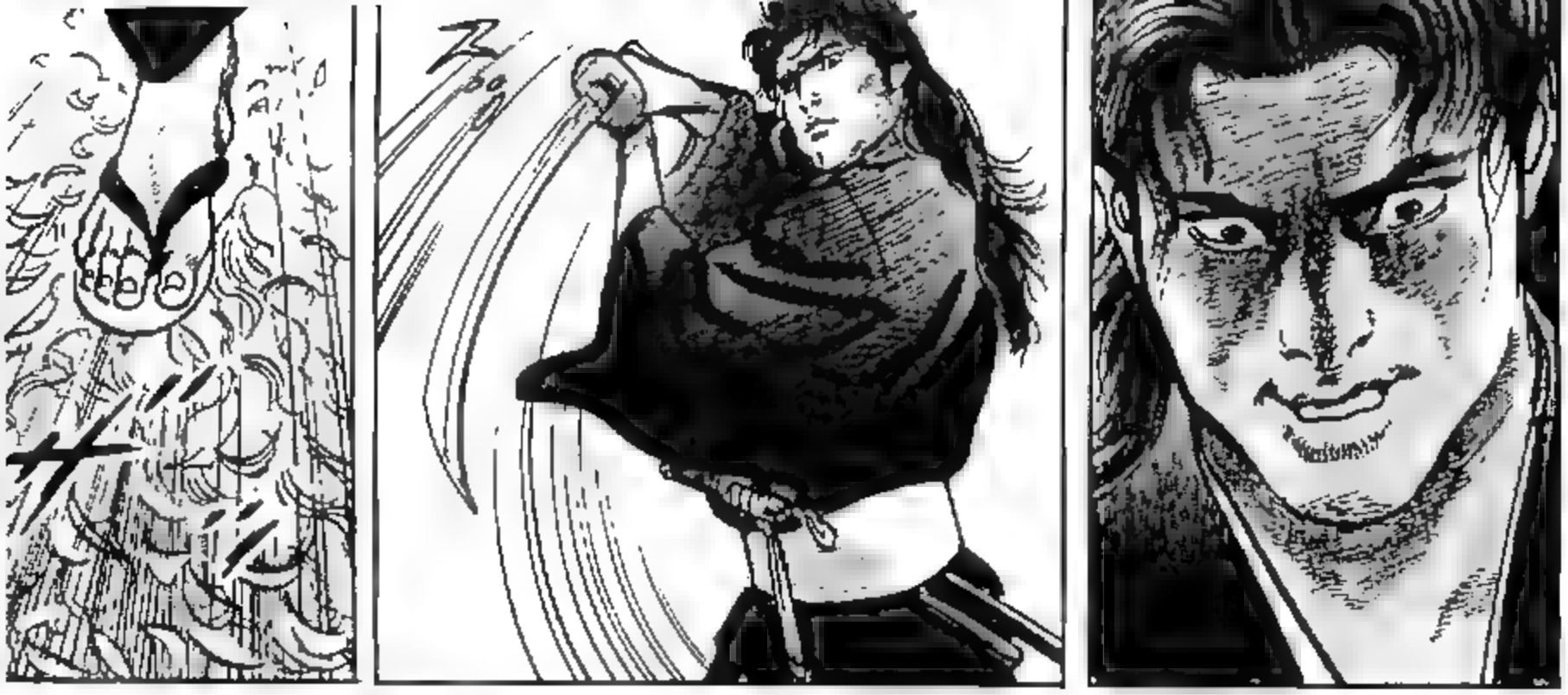

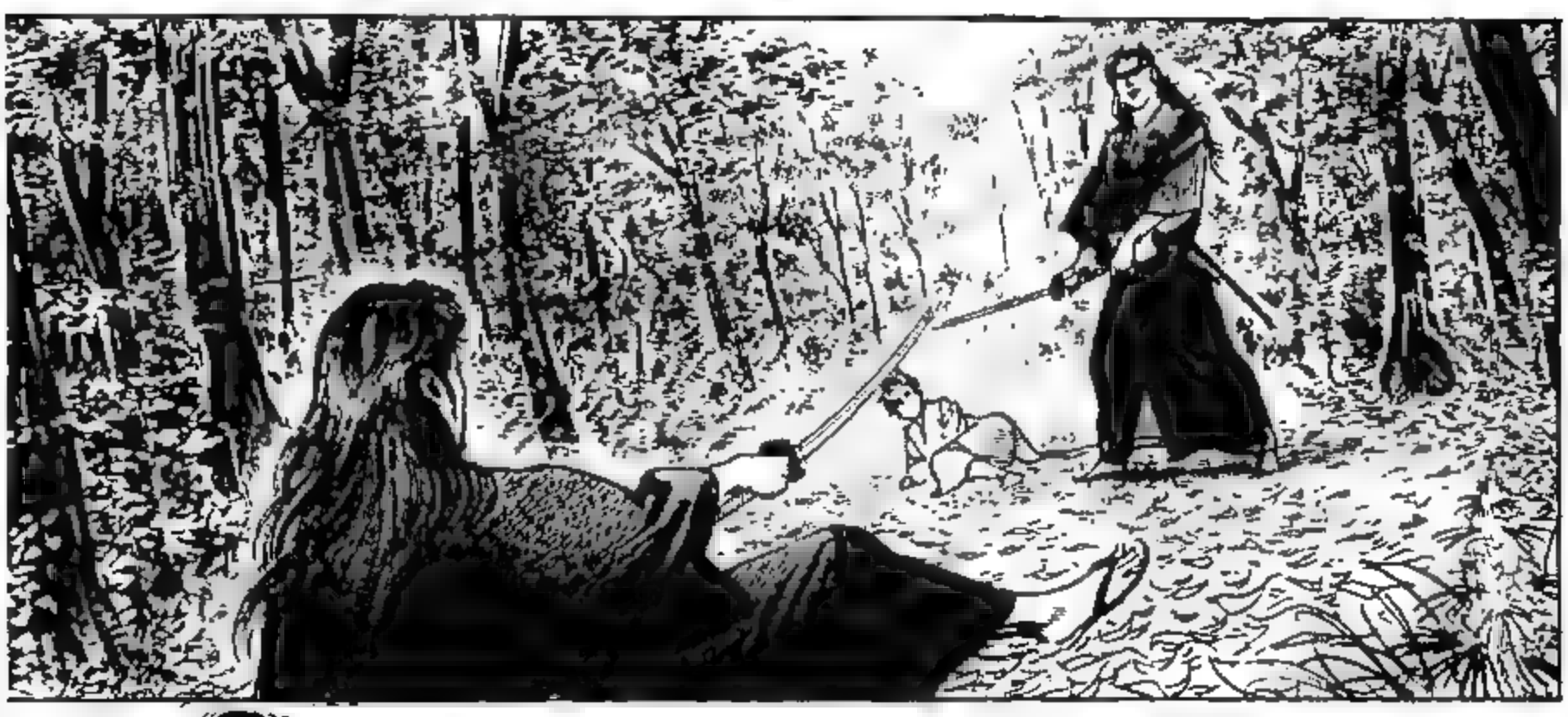

ONE OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS— THE LONGSWORD OF OU...

ONE OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS— THE LONGSWORD OF SAI...

THE LION IS THE KING OF BEASTS... HENCE OU—!

I AM GEN TSUKI-NO-SUKE—

I'M ONIZUKA GOUEN, INSTRUCTOR IN SWORDSMANSHIP TO THE SAMURAI OF THE KYOTO PATROL GROUP... BUT I'M ACTUALLY A SAISHI IN HIDING...

YOU'RE A SAISHI, AM I RIGHT...?

SO, YOU'RE THE GEN TSUKINOSUKE THEY'VE BEEN SAYING WAS BE-HIND THE STRING OF RAPES AND MURDERS COMMITTED BY A SAISHI.

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

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I'VE GOT ORDERS FROM MY BOSS, SIR SASAKI, TO KILL YOU.

BUT I DO HAVE A NOBLE REASON TO CUT YOU DOWN!

I DON'T HAVE SUCH A CON-VENIENT EXCUSE...

THE DUELS FOR THE REVIVAL OF SAIOUHI, DESCRIBED IN IN SEARCH OF THE SUPERNA-TURAL...

THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE LONG-SWORD OF OU AND THE LONGSWORD OF SAI...

WE'LL FIGHT ANOTHER DAY... JUST YOU WAIT!

WILL THE *LION'S FANG* OF MY SHINSHIN STYLE CARRY THE DAY, OR WILL IT BE YOUR SELF-TAUGHT *FANG OF THE GODS*, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT...?

RIGHT NOW, I'M ON THE HUNT FOR FEMALE MEAT; A LION CAN'T GO AGAINST HIS NEEDS...

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT BEING IN HIDING!? HE'S JUST A BEAST!

HE'S THE MONSTER WHO KILLED LITTLE JUN'NOSUKE'S SISTER! HE'S GOING AROUND KILLING INNOCENT GIRLS FOR NOTHING BUT HIS OWN LUST!

HE DOESN'T EVEN FEEL ANY SENSE OF GUILT; HE'S LIKE AN ANIMAL!!

IT MIGHT SEEM CONTRADICTORY, BUT I THINK YOU OUGHT TO LET OUT THE BEAST IN YOU TO DEAL WITH A BASTARD LIKE THAT...

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YOU'RE A SAISHI, JUST LIKE THAT MAN, SO WHY ARE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH YOUR HUMANITY?

...

SIR TSUKINO-SUKE... TELL ME...

I AM A BEING WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE CYCLE OF BIRTH, DEATH AND RE-BIRTH OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR NEARLY ONE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED YEARS...

.....

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WHEN I WAS FIRST GIVEN LIFE, I WAS NOT A *SAISHI*, BUT A *HUMAN*...

...IN THE THIRD CENTURY. I WAS BORN THE PRINCE OF A SMALL COUNTRY IN THE CONFE-DERATION OF TSUKUMO-NOKUNI.

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The power at that time exterminated the legendary tribe,
who were the vicious beasts with human beauty.
The tribe was beyond the boundary of human nature
and even had poisonous blood.
Ora Kubinagare, half beast and half human, has fatefully blood relation with Saishi,
she pronounces the death sentence on all.

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Chapter 22: Fate

I AM A BEING WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE CYCLE OF BIRTH, DEATH AND REBIRTH OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR NEARLY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED YEARS...

IN THE THIRD CENTURY, I WAS BORN THE PRINCE OF A SMALL COUNTRY IN THE CONFEDERATION OF TSUKUMONOKUNI.

WHEN I WAS FIRST GIVEN LIFE, I WAS NOT A *SAISHI*, BUT A *HUMAN*.

When Tsukiyomi subjugated Tsukumonokuni and became known as Saiouhi.

However...

THEY WERE FORCED INTO SUBMISSION, WITHOUT EVEN A CHANCE TO SURRENDER.

...HER SAISHI ARMY ATTACKED THE FEW POCKETS OF RESISTANCE WITH SAVAGE ABANDON.

EARNED THE IRE OF THE WARMONGERING SAIOUHI, AND WERE KILLED IN FRONT OF ME—

MY FATHER AND MOTHER, WHO BELIEVED IN HUMAN LOVE AND COEXISTENCE.

FATHER !!

MO-THEEER RRR!!

ONE OF MY FOLLOWERS HAD INFORMED ON ME...

AFTER THAT, I SWORE REVENGE, AND ENACTED A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SAIOUHI, BUT IT FAILED, AND I WAS CAPTURED.

CURSED ...!?

FOR THE CRIME OF TREASON I HAD COMMITTED BY TURNING MY SWORD AGAINST GOD, SAIOUHI, I WAS CURSED AND BEHEADED BY THE QUEEN'S OWN HANDS...

WHAT A BEAU-TIFUL MAN...

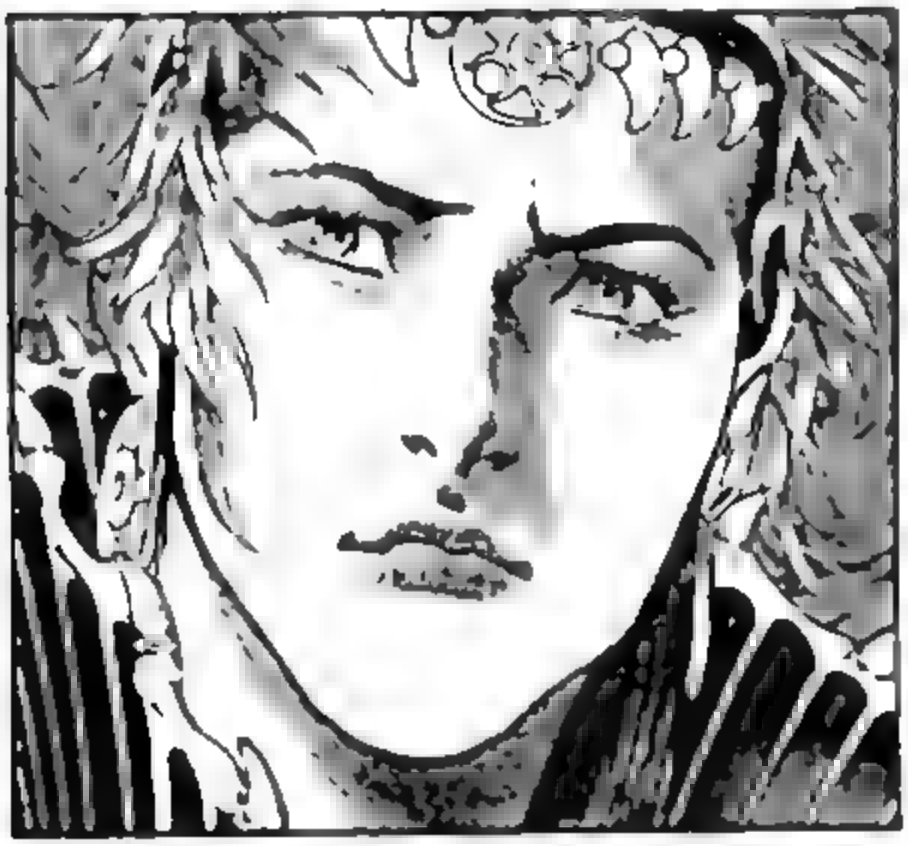
I AM THE SAVIOR FOR WHOM YOU HUMANS BEGGED THE GODS OF THE MOUNTAIN.

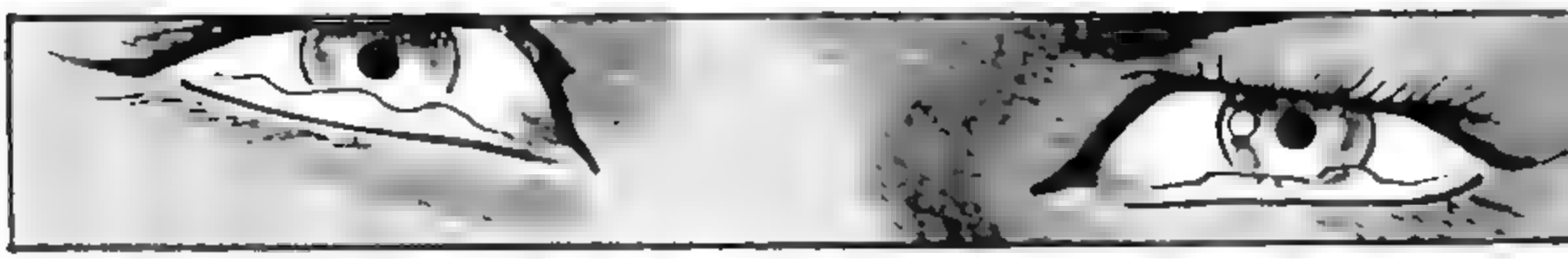
HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN? ...

IT WAS NECESSARY FOR US SAISHI TO APPEAR IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

YOU FORGET THAT FACT, AR-BITRARILY LABEL-ING OUR BRUTALITY INDECENT AND VAINLY DETESTING US, ALL THE WHILE CONCEALING YOUR OWN TRUE NATURE AND PUTTING UP A RIGHTEOUS FACADE...

I CANNOT FORGIVE THE HYPOCRISY OF YOU IR-RESPONSIBLE HUMANS!



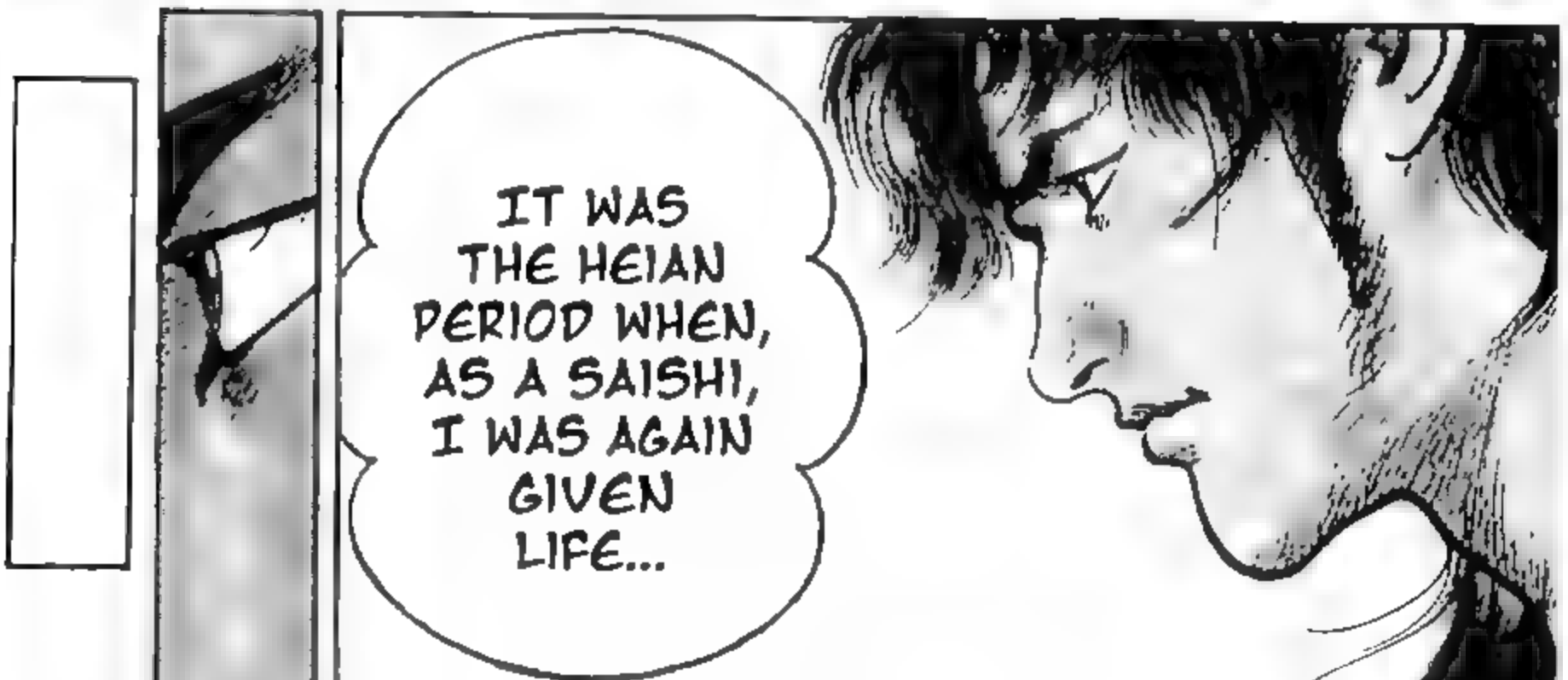


FOR ALL ETERNITY, THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE MUST BE TWISTED IN ANGUISH; I BESTOW THIS FATE UPON YOU.

AFTER DEATH, YOU WILL FOREVER BE REINCAR-NATED AS A SAISHI.

AND WITH EACH TIME YOU REINCARNATE, YOU WILL NOT FORGET YOUR PAST LIFE AS A HUMAN, BUT REMEMBER IT CLEARLY.

LIVE ON, FOREVER TORMENTED BY THE BATTLE BETWEEN YOUR HUMAN HEART AND THE BRUTAL URGES OF THE SAISHI...


IT WAS THE HEIAN PERIOD WHEN, AS A SAISHI, I WAS AGAIN GIVEN LIFE...

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FEARED AS BEASTS, THE SAISHI HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO EKE OUT A MEAGER LIVING AS ROBBERS.

LOAD EVERYTHING OF VALUE INTO THE CART AND FLEE!!

THE NOBLES, WHO SPENT THEIR LIVES IN ELEGANT LUXURY, CALLED THEM THE PROCESSION OF THE HUNDRED DEMONS...

AFTER THAT, THE SAMURAI ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND AS THEIR WARRIOR CULTURE FLOURISHED, THEY BEGAN TO MAKE USE OF THE SAISHI'S BESTIAL NATURE...

AND THEN THEY PLANNED TO EXTERMINATE THE SAISHI WHEN THEY WERE NO LONGER USEFUL...

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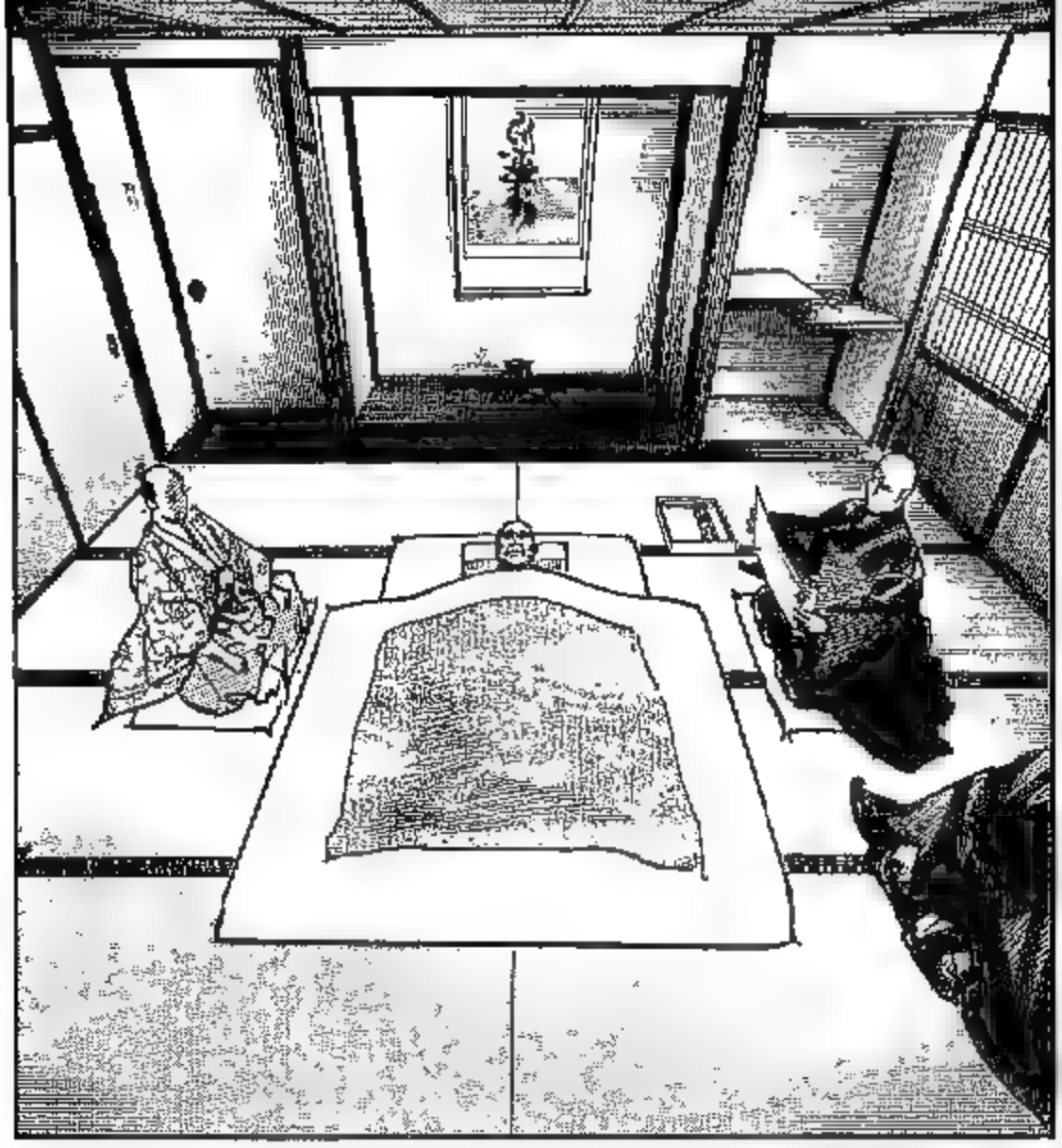

I NO LONGER WANT TO DIE!
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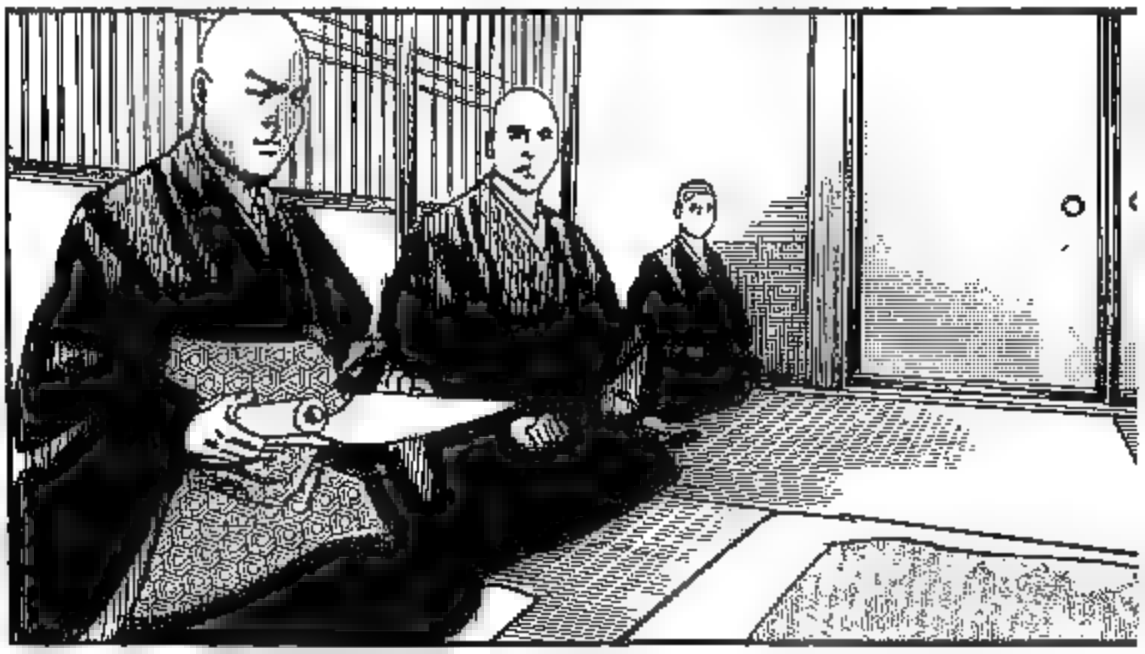


THE WOMAN WHOSE EYES SHONE PALE IN THE MOONLIGHT WAS BORN AS MY YOUNGER SISTER...!!

AFTER THAT, I WAS REINCARNATED AGAIN IN THE TWELFTH YEAR OF TENPOU...

...IT WAS THEN THAT I REALIZED ONCE MORE THE CRUEL DESIGN OF SAIOUHI'S CURSE AND THE TERROR OF THE QUEEN...

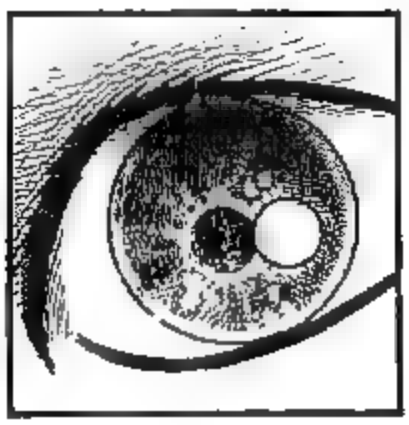
...I UNDER-STAND THE FEELINGS OF SAIOUHI AND THE SAISHI IN HARBORING A GRUDGE AGAINST HUMANITY...

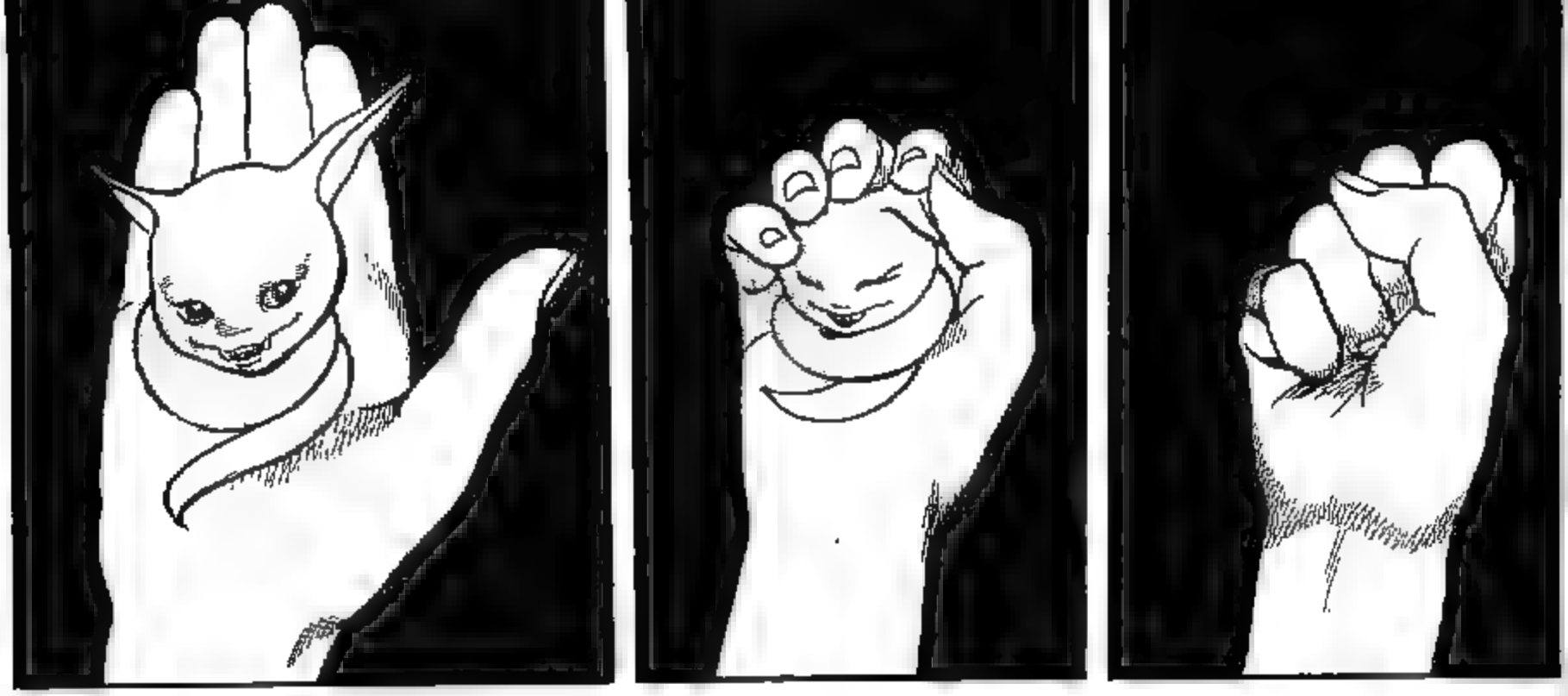
AND KILL MY SISTER ...

BUT I CANNOT PERMIT SAIOUHI'S REVIVAL TO COME TO PASS!

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, I MUST WIN THROUGH THE WAR IN SEARCH OF THE SUPER-NATURAL...

I WANT TO LIVE AS A PERSON!





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YOU ARE A CHILD OF THE HIIRAGI FAMILY, CONCEIVED BETWEEN MYSELF AND YOUR LATE MOTHER.

DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND? WHETHER HE IS THE CULPRIT OR NOT, I'M TELLING YOU NEVER TO SEE THAT MAN AGAIN!

TAKE THIS AT LEAST TO HEART.

.....

IS YOUR FATE.

TO BE TOGETHER WITH SHINYA AND ENSURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HIIRAGI FAMILY AS PHYSICIANS TO THE AIZU CLAN

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

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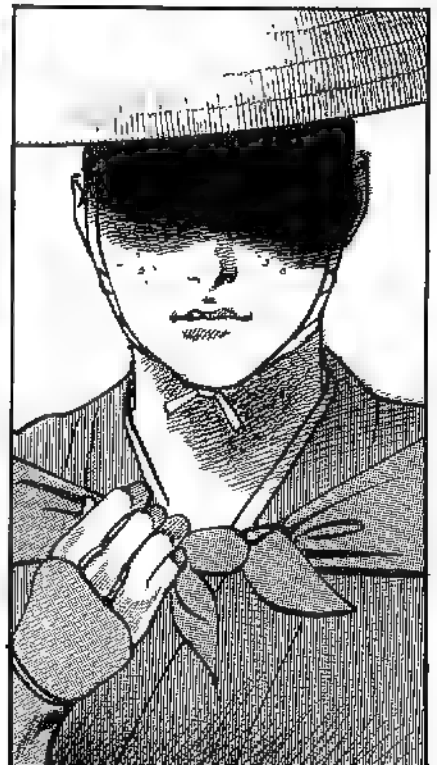

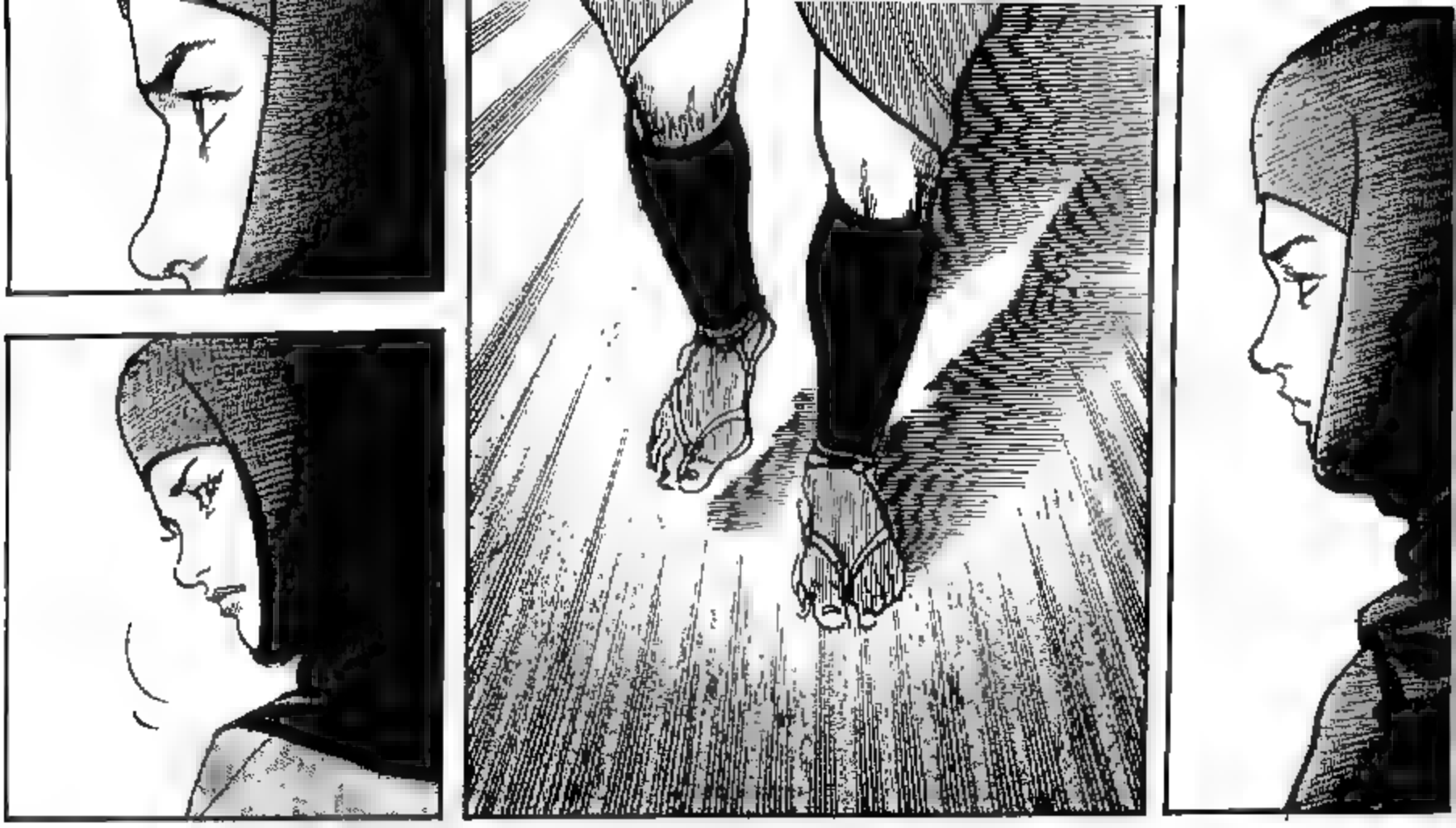

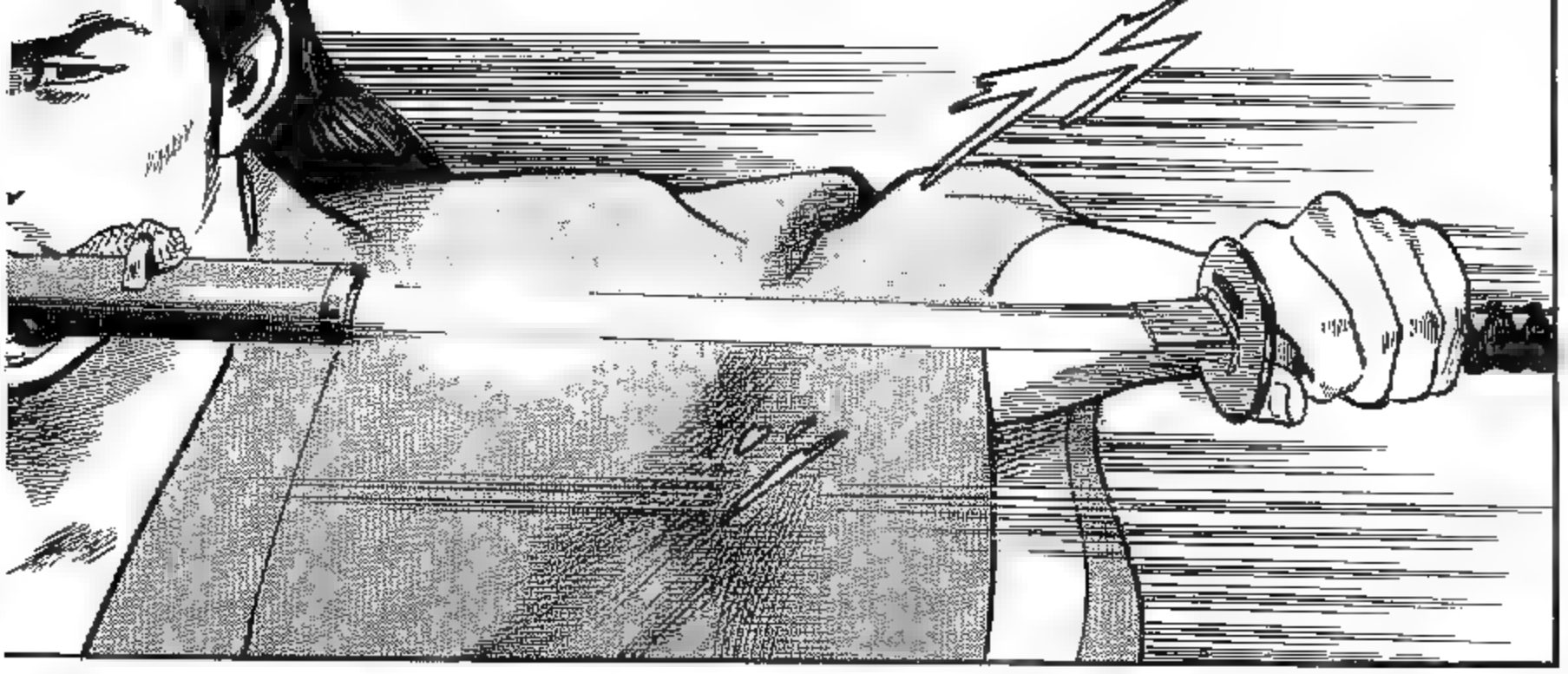

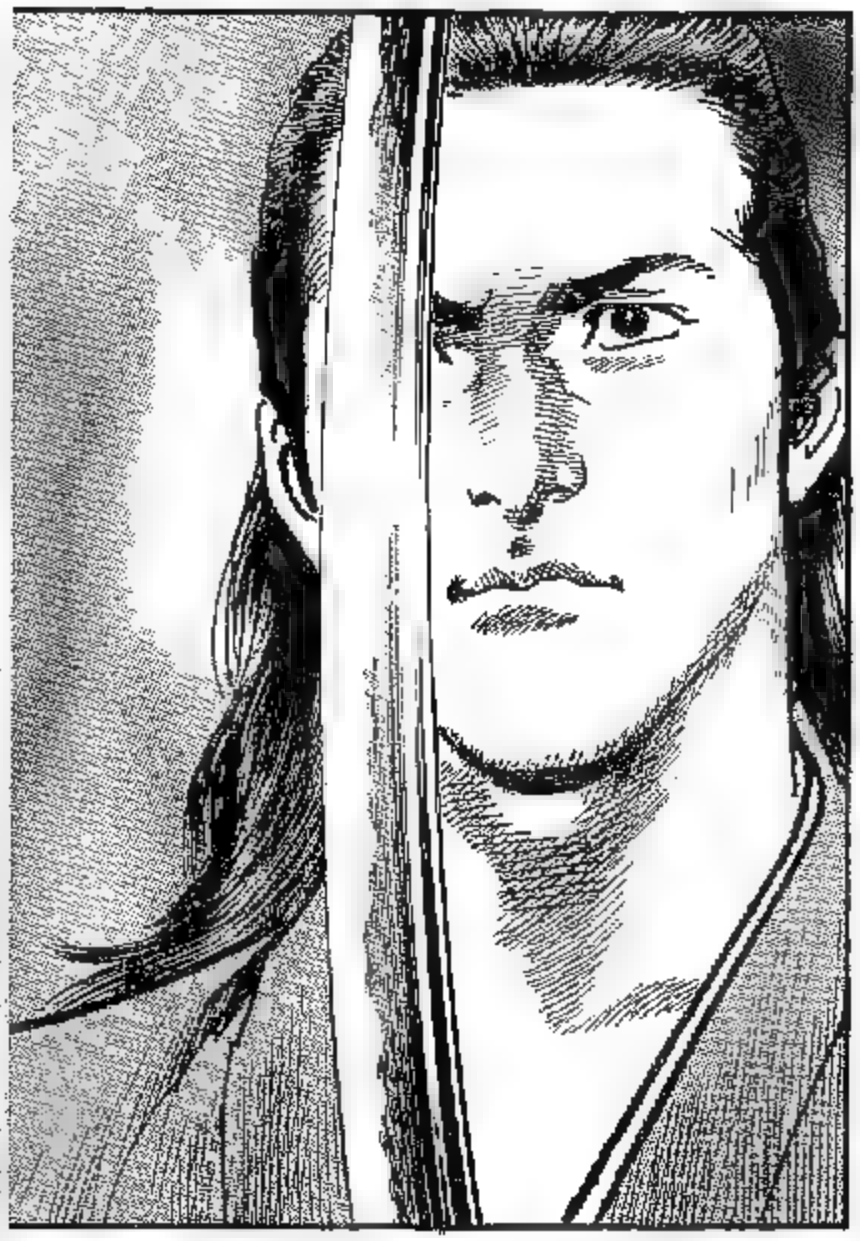

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SIR INUI...

A BEAST ...

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THANKS TO YOUR BRINGING ME FOOD AND MEDICINE, CHI-GUSA, THE PAIN IS COMPLETELY GONE.

I AM IN YOUR DEBT.

HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS ?

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MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, YOU LOOK TROU-BLED...

...I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.

...AZUMA KENGO, A SAMURAI OF CHOUSHUU AND A DISCIPLE OF MASTER SE-KIGUCHI...

MR. AZUMA HAS BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON ME...

AFTER THE DISTURBANCE AT KINMON AND THE DEFEAT OF CHOUSHUU, HE HAS REMAINED IN KYOTO TO SEEK YOU OUT.

...HE IMAGINES THAT YOU, SIR INUI, ARE A SHOGUNATE SPY.

I BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR INUI, BUT I WANTED TO SEE YOU NO MATTER WHAT...

.....

...IF HE LEARNS OF MY HIDING PLACE BY SHADOWING YOU, CHIGUSA, THEN...

...SIR INUI.

I WOULD DO NOTHING TO BETRAY YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW MASTER SEKIGUCHI, WHO HAS BEEN MY BENEFACTOR!

SIR INUI, I BELIEVE IN YOU.

KYOTO JOSHIDAI

...WHY DOESN'T GEN TSUKINOSUKE TURN COMP-LETELY INTO A BEAST...?

——10 YEARS AGO

THAT'S AN ORDER !!

M-MOTHER !?

KILL HER !!

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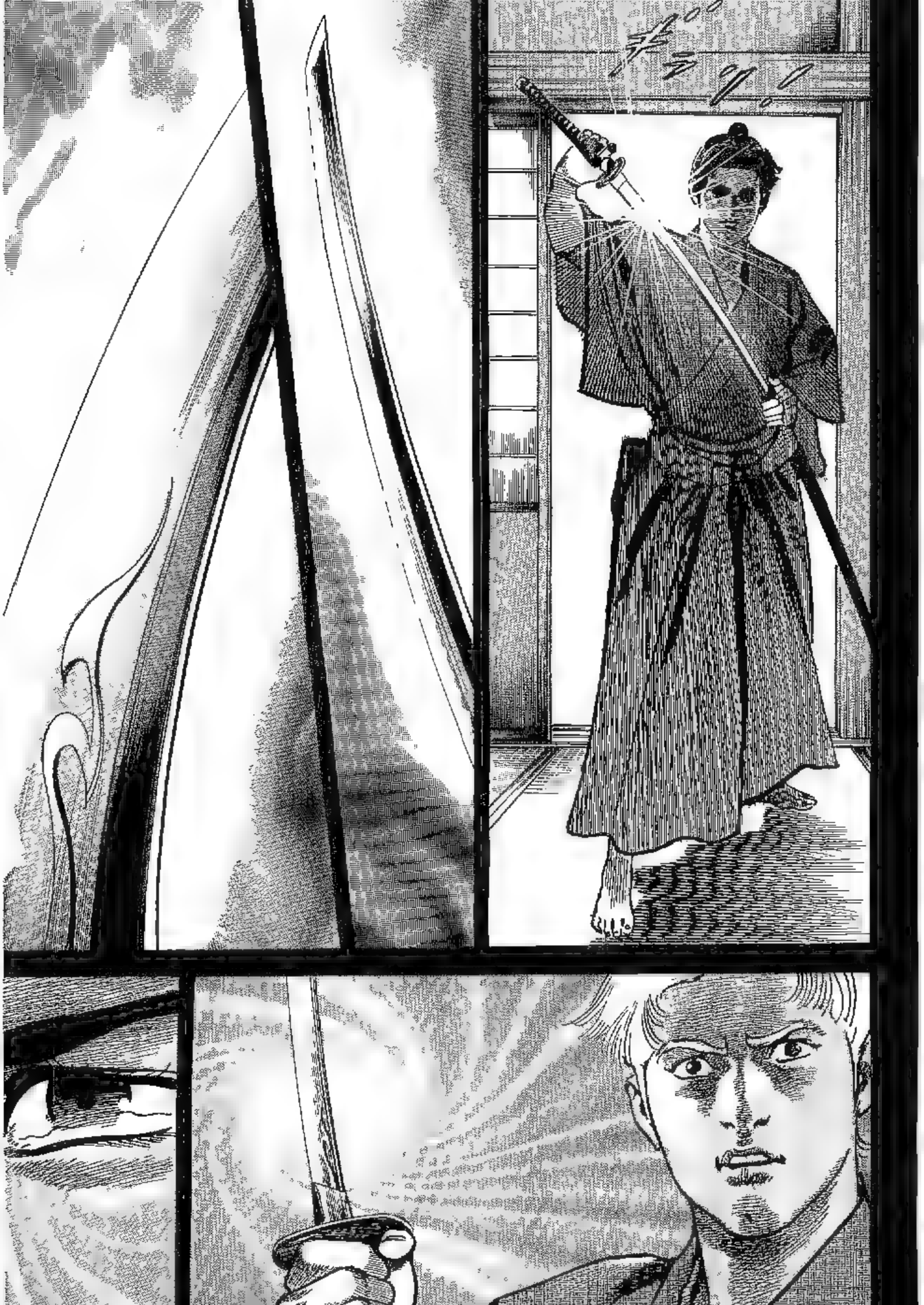
...WHEN I WAS SMALL, I ENJOYED THE CANDIES THAT MOTHER WOULD GO OUT TO THE NEXT VILLAGE TO BUY FOR ME.



WHY ADULTERY, OF ALL THINGS ...?

MOTHER !!

AAII- EEEEE !!

Don't leave me alone...

P- PLEASE DON'T DIE!

...15 YEARS AGO, YOU WERE DISCAR-DED OUTSIDE THE ONIZUKA FAMILY GATE,

ALONG WITH THAT SWORD, AND A LETTER...

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The letter explained that the baby was a Saishi, and told the legend of the Swords of the Divine Beasts.

THE LEGEND OF THE SWORDS WAS A DREAM COME TRUE.

TO A POOR HATAMOTO WITH NO HOPE OF GETTING AHEAD, EVEN AS A MASTER OF THE SHINSHIN STYLE, ANCESTOR OF THE FAMOUS IAI [Quick Draw] TECHNIQUES...

THAT SWORD IS ONE OF THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS, THE LONG-SWORD OF OU—

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You must take the Longsword of Ou and make the dream reality!

I will soon die...

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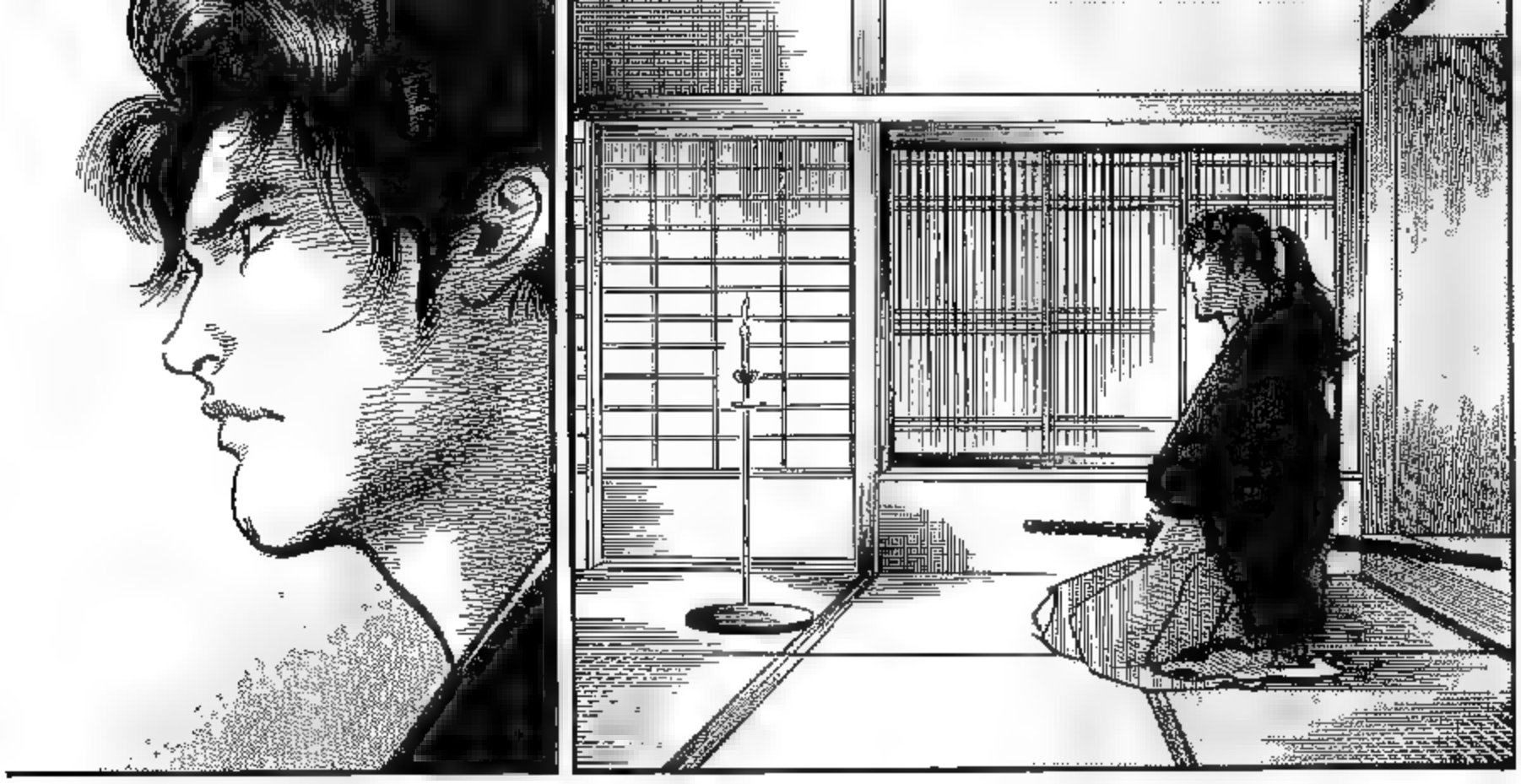

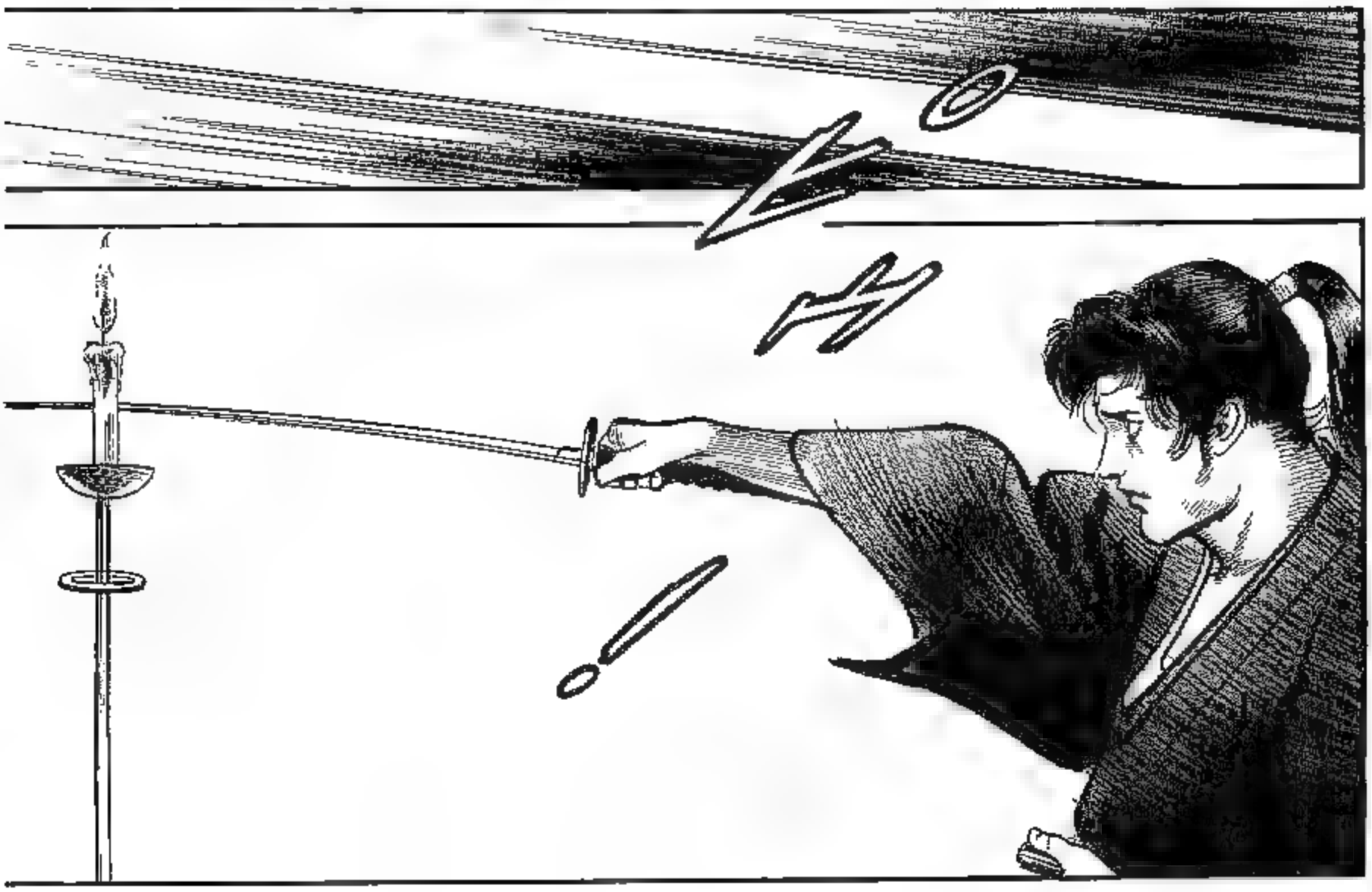

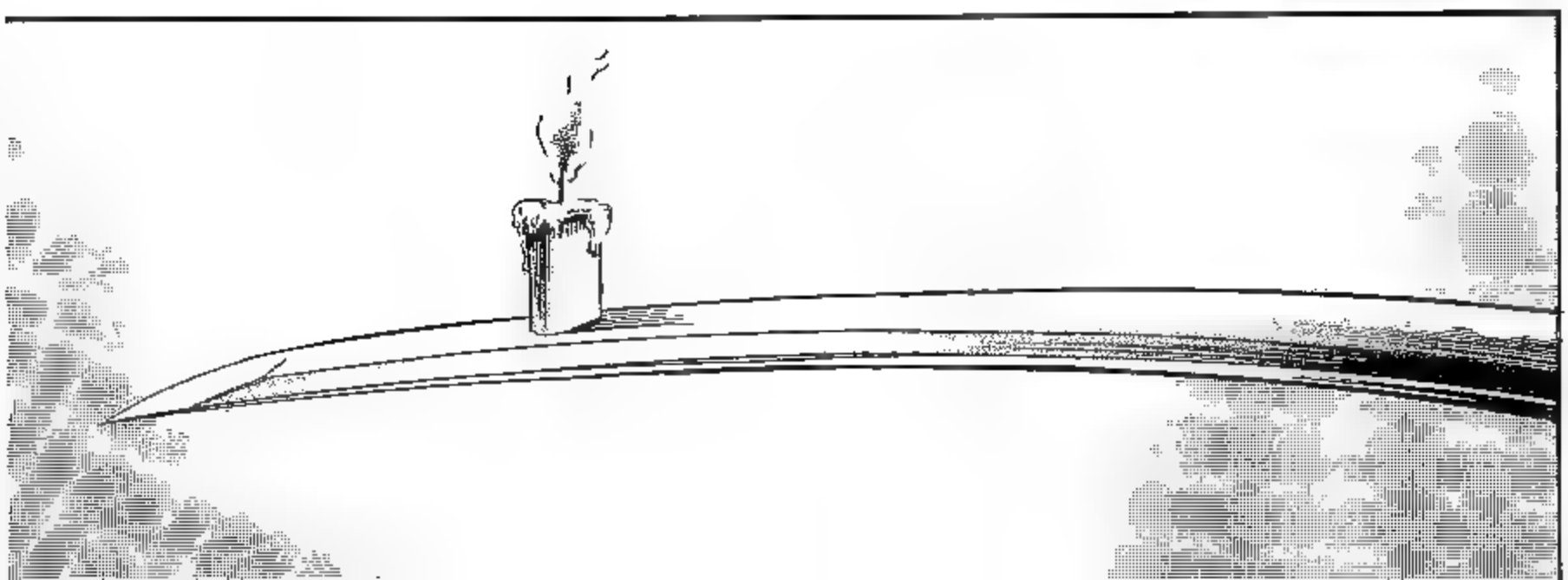

WOMEN... ARE ALL BEASTS... THEY DES- ERVE TO BE RAPED AND KILLED...

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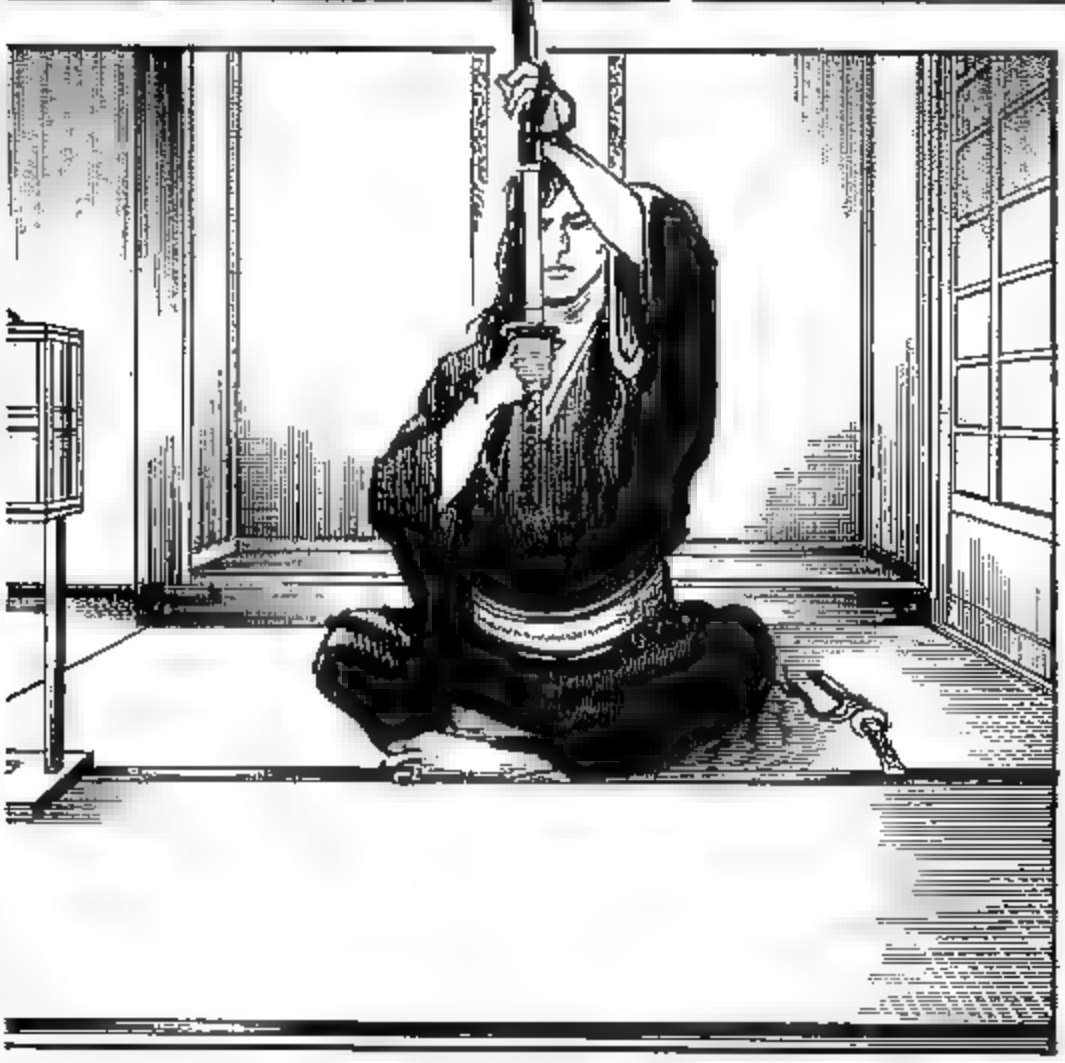

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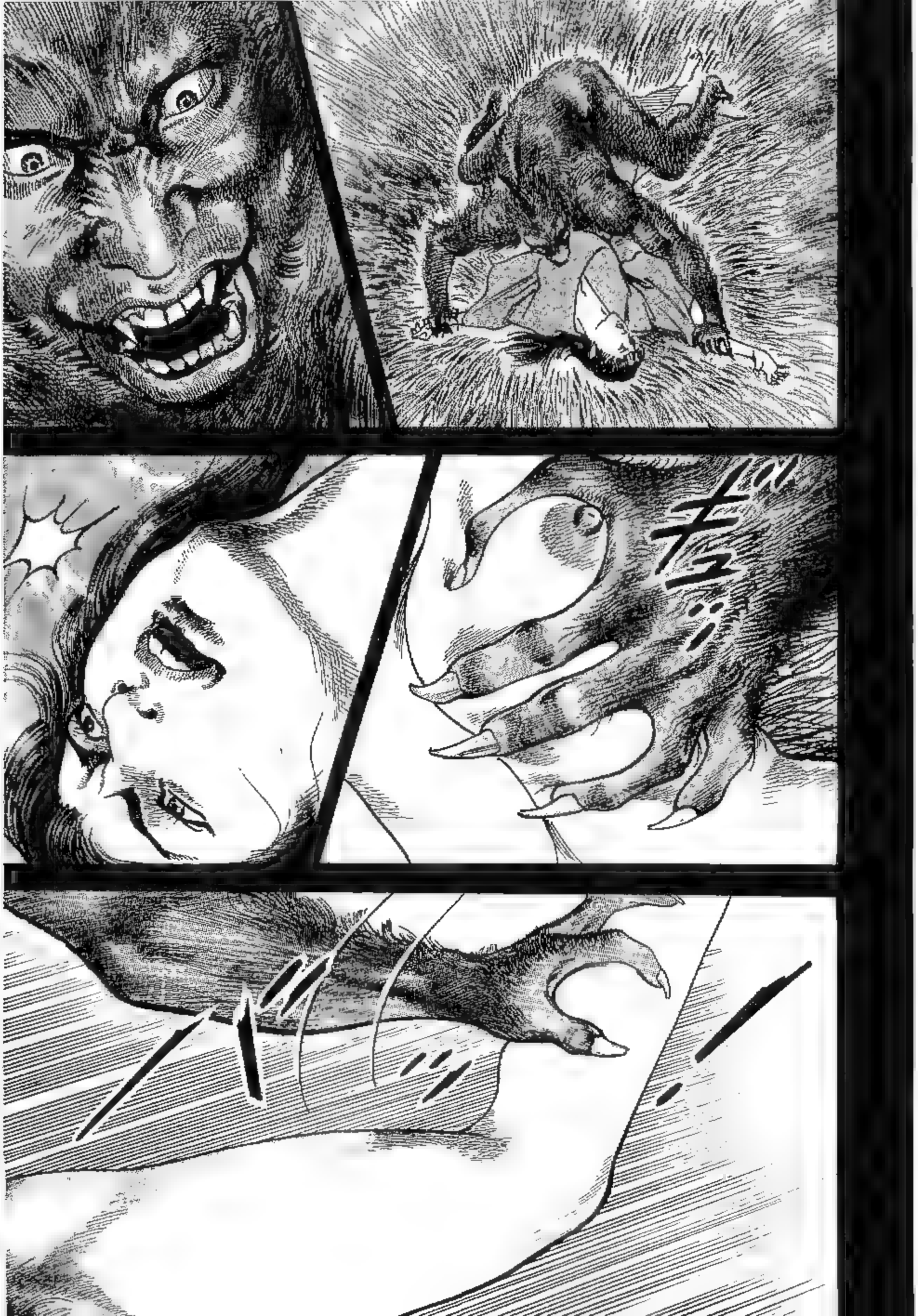

SIR TSUKI-NO-SUKE...

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LADY IZUMI ...

BUT... I DON'T HATE YOU WHEN YOU BECOME A BEAST, EITHER.

...I... LIKE YOU, WHO WAVER BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST...

BE- CAUSE I...

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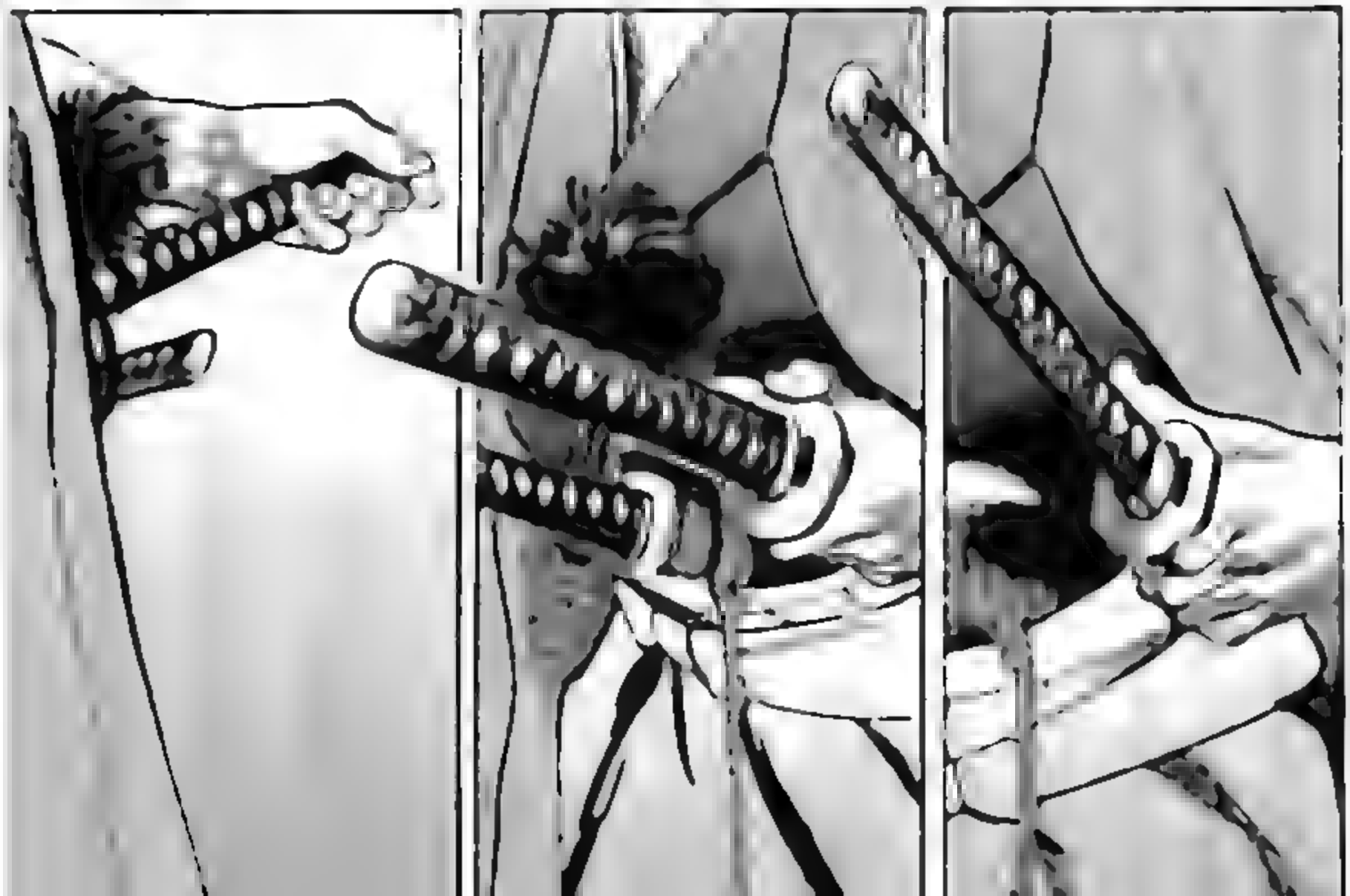
I AM ALSO A BEAST ...



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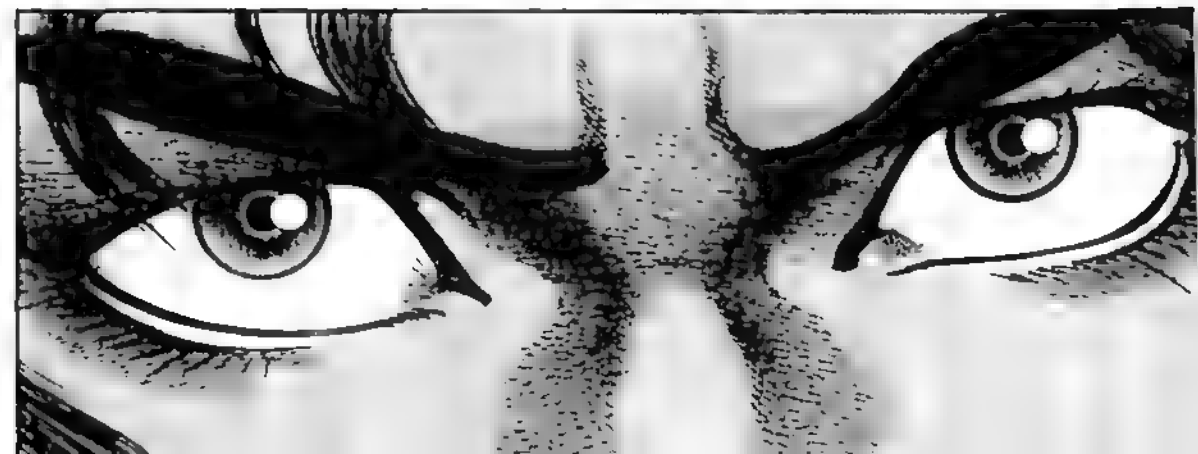
I BEG YOU, SIR, PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR DISCIPLE!

...The beast... that killed my sister ...



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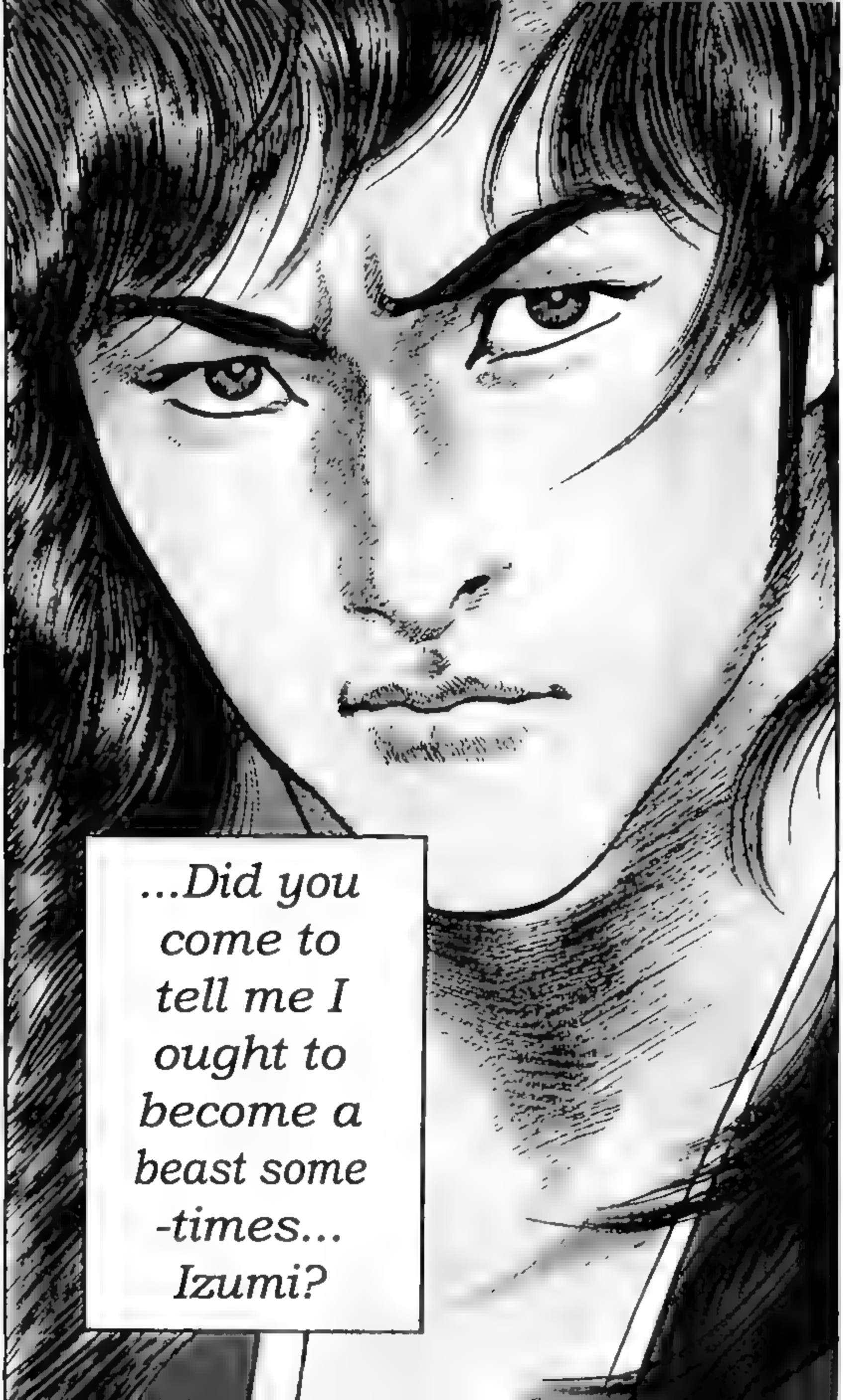
...Did you come to tell me I ought to become a beast some -times... Izumi?

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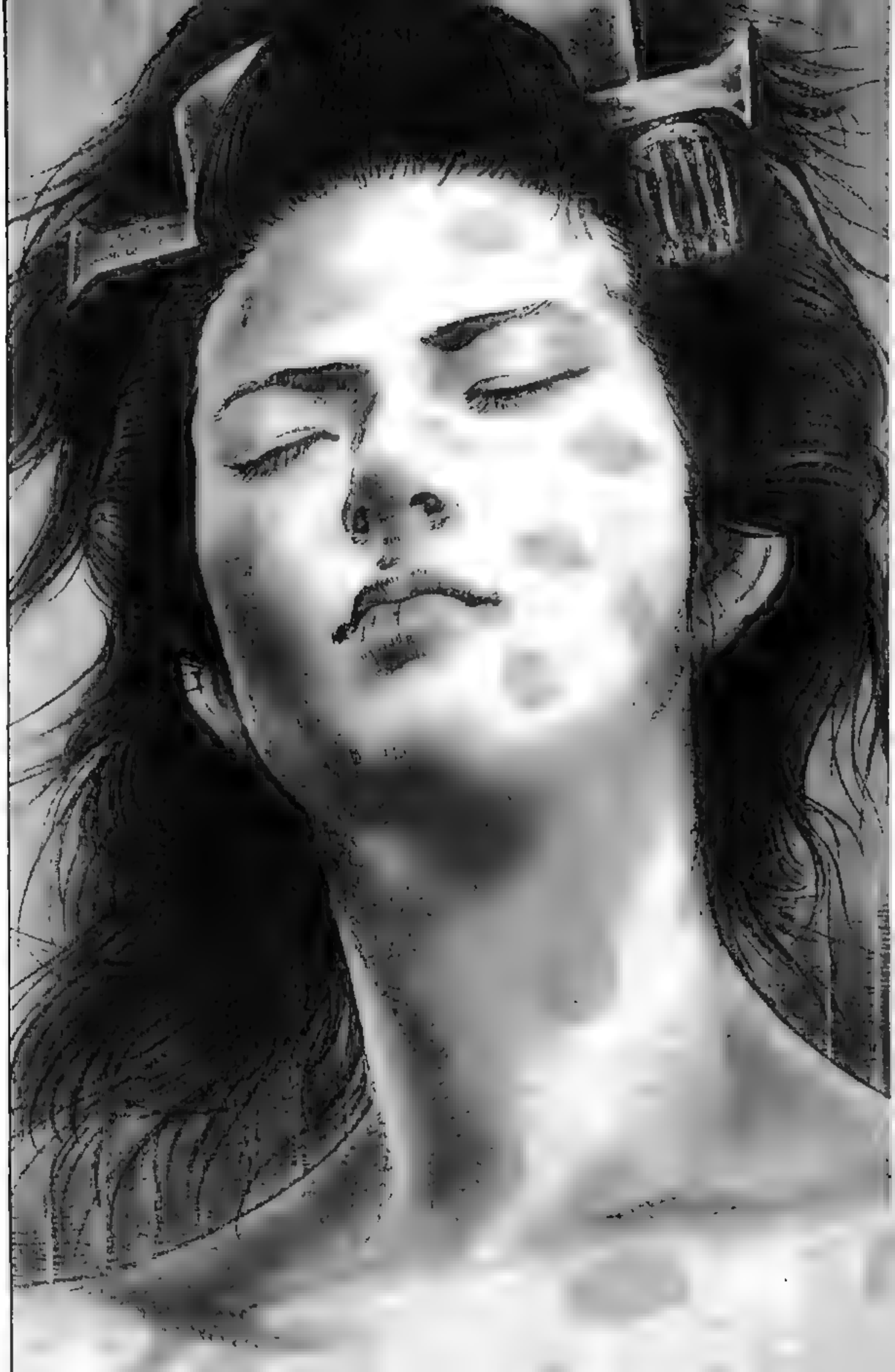

FOR HIM TO SEEK IT OUT HIM-SELF, SO MADLY AND FIERCELY...

...SIGH... AMAZING ...

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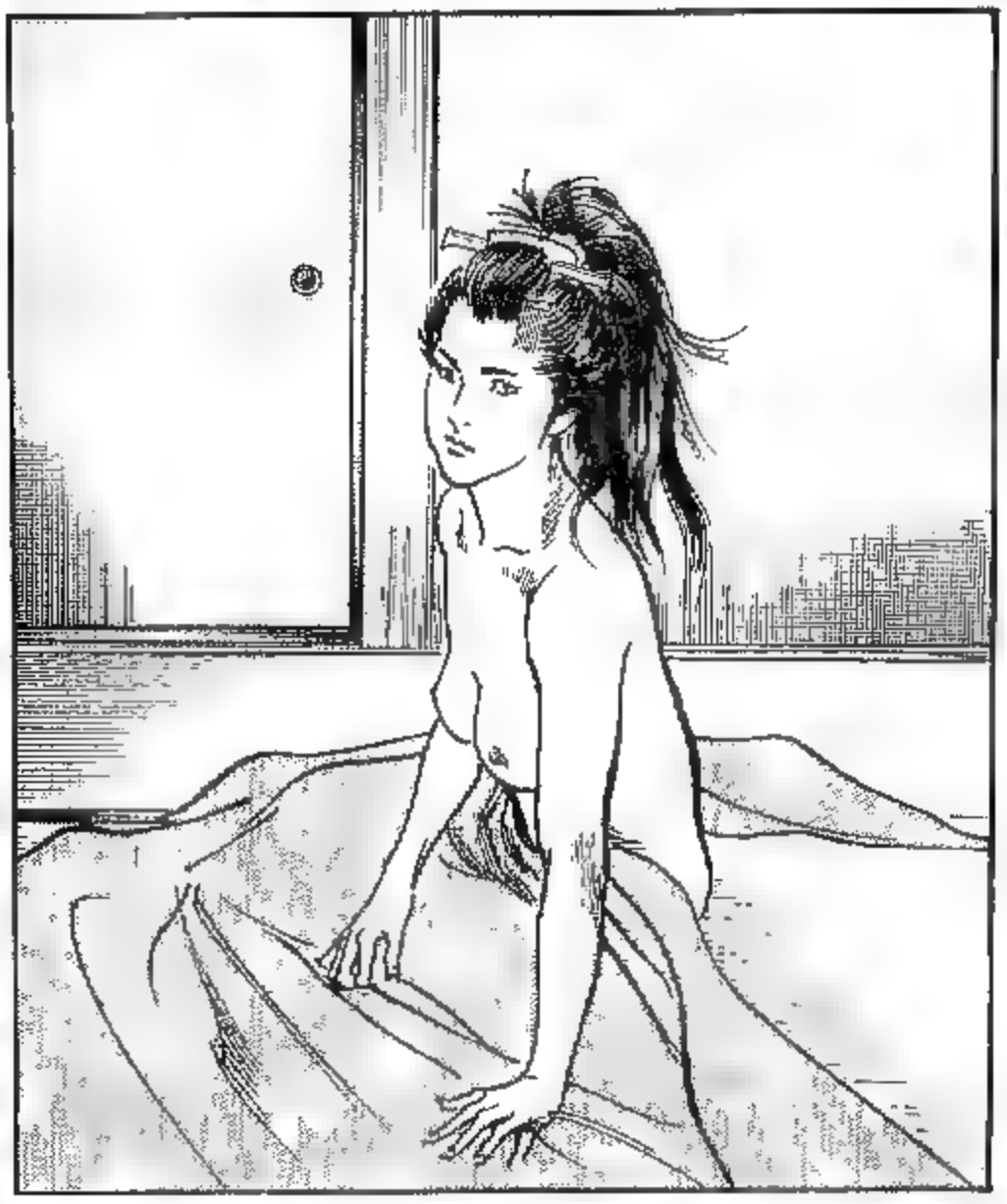
...IZUMI, DEAR... YOU'RE A WOMAN WHO POSSESSES AN IMMUNITY TO THE SAISHI'S VENOM...

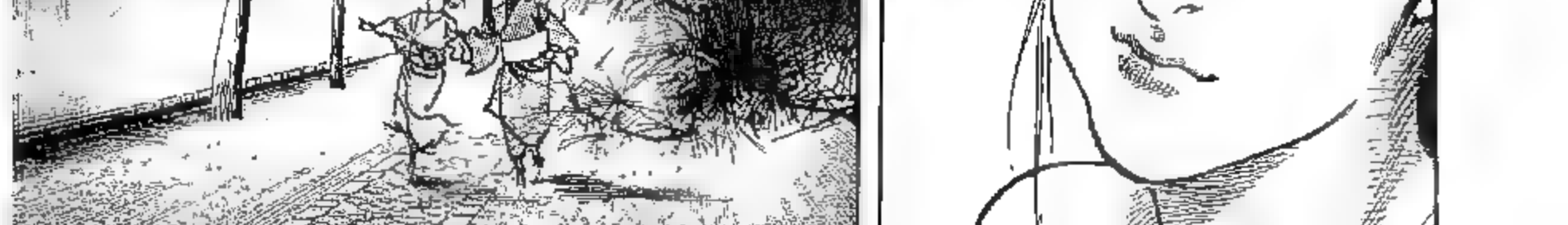
AND YOU CAME TO TELL HIM HE NEEDS TO BECOME A BEAST SOME-TIMES.

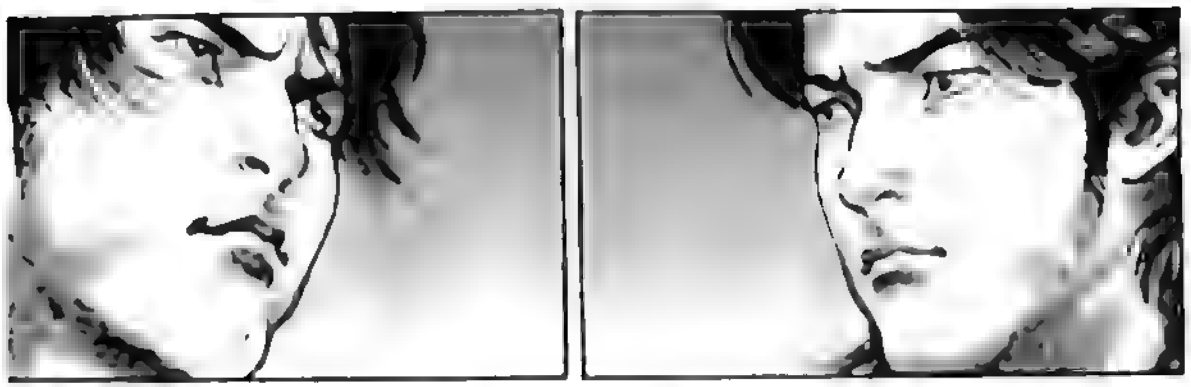
ALMOST LIKE A BEAST...

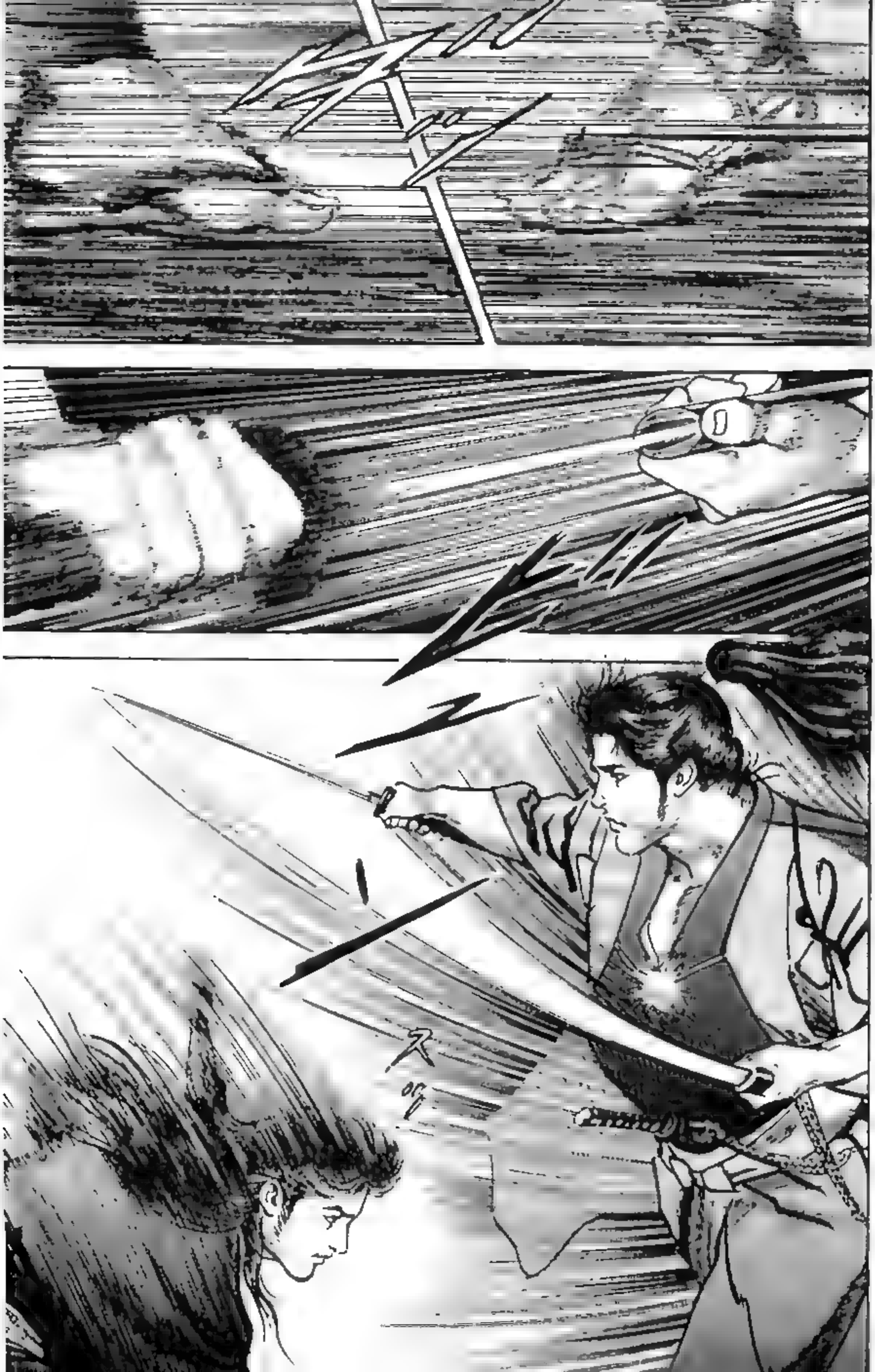
THEN YOU TURNED UP...

I BROUGHT TSUKINOSUKE TO THIS INN BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED, BUT...









...IN ORDER TO WIN AGAINST ONIZUKA KOUEN'S MESMERISM, WHICH MAKES HIS FOES COWER AND CRUMBLE...

HE BECAME A WOLF HIMSELF, AND WITH THE SPEED OF A BEAST, FELLED HIS ENEMY IN ONE STRIKE WITHOUT EVEN APPEARING TO BARE HIS FANGS (DRAW HIS SWORD)...

THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO RESIST THE LION'S OVER-WHELMING POWER...

JUST WHAT I'VE COME TO EXPECT FROM TSUKINO-SUKE.

HE SIMUL-TANEOUSLY DREW HIS SWORD AND MADE A REVERSE DIAGONAL SLASH...

HMPH... SAD AS IT IS, I'M JUST A TRANS-VESTITE.

...SIR TSUKINO-SUKE...

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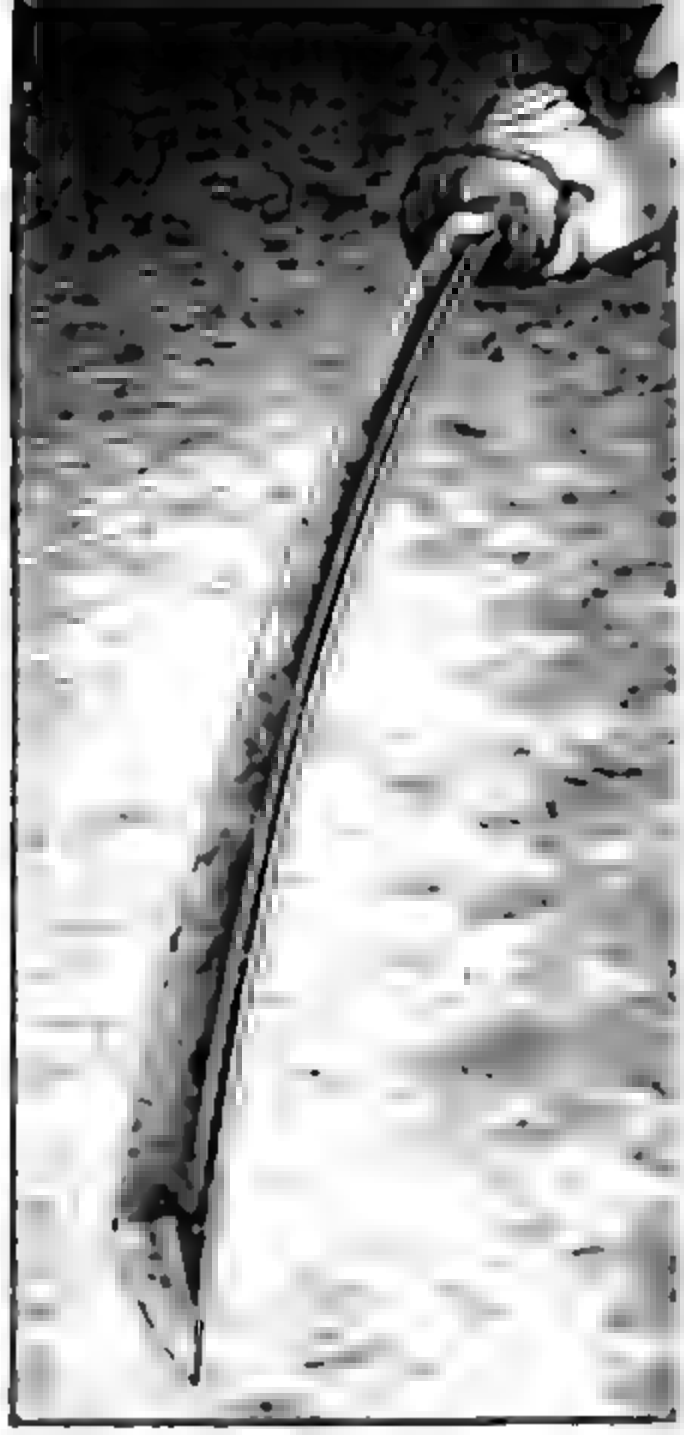

THE SPIRITUAL POWERS OF THE LONG-SWORD OF OU WENT INTO THE LONG-SWORD OF SAI...

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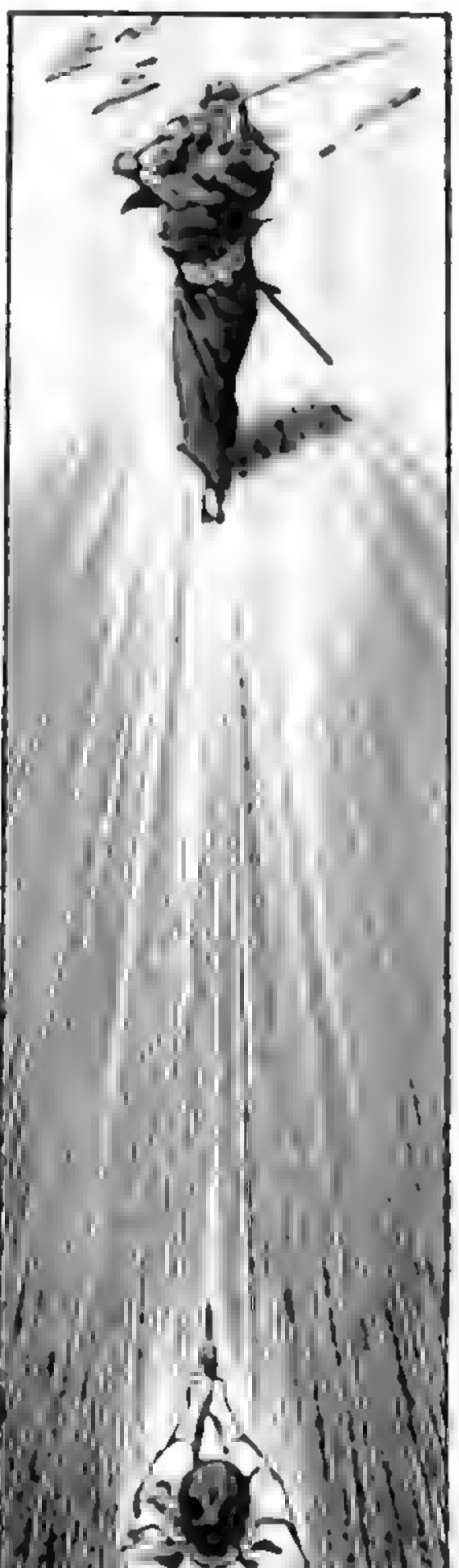

IZUMI IS NO SAISHI ...

BUT THE BLOOD OF BEASTS RUNS IN HER VEINS...

IF THAT DOESN'T FRIGHTEN YOU... THEN FALL IN LOVE WITH HER AT THE RISK OF YOUR LIFE.

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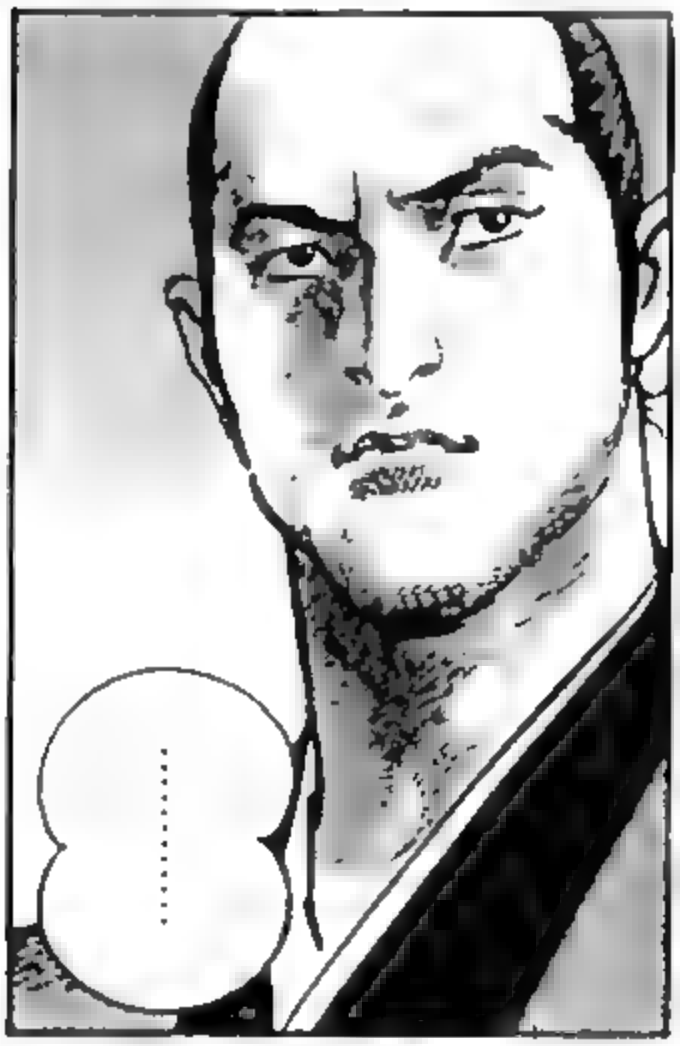
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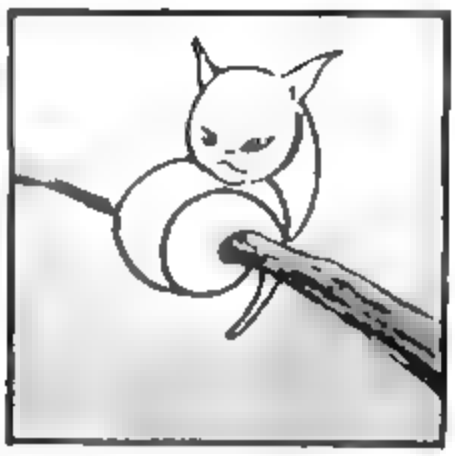
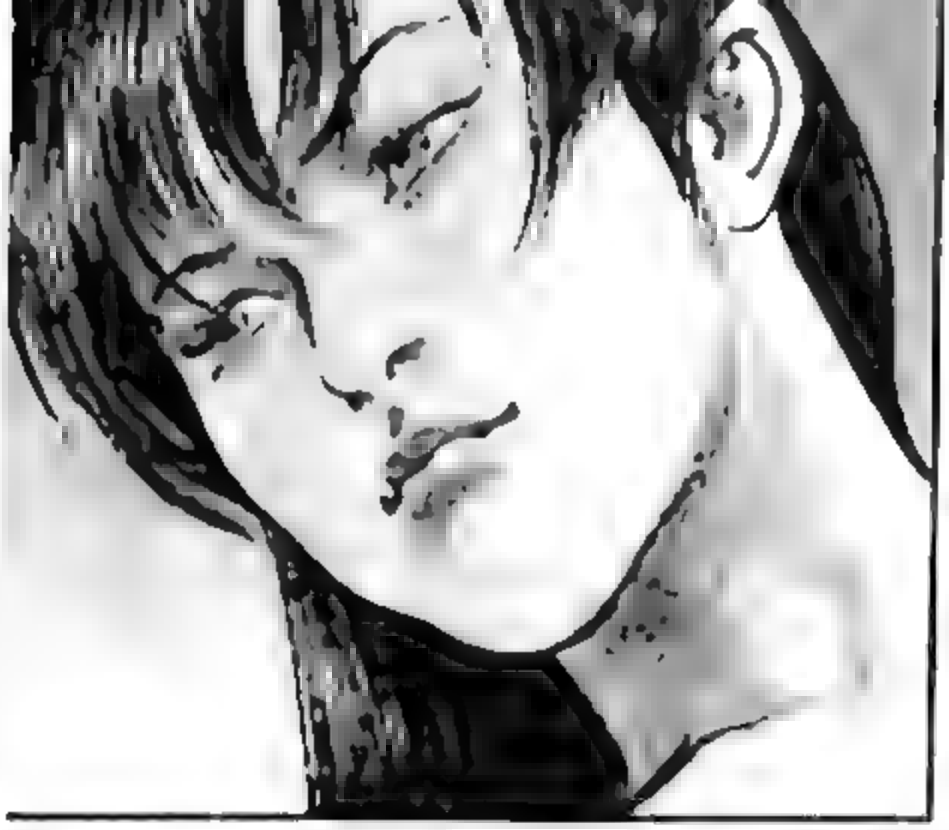
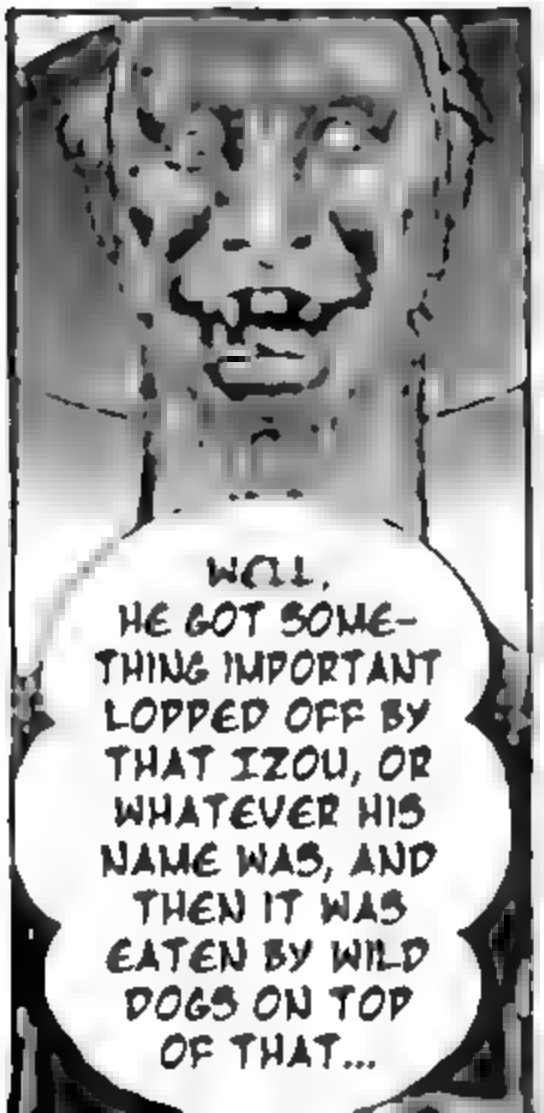
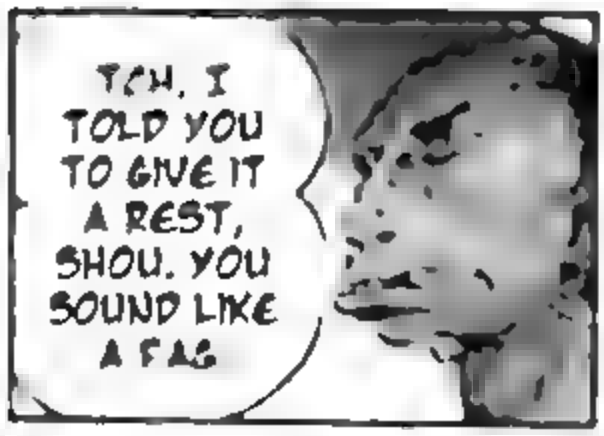
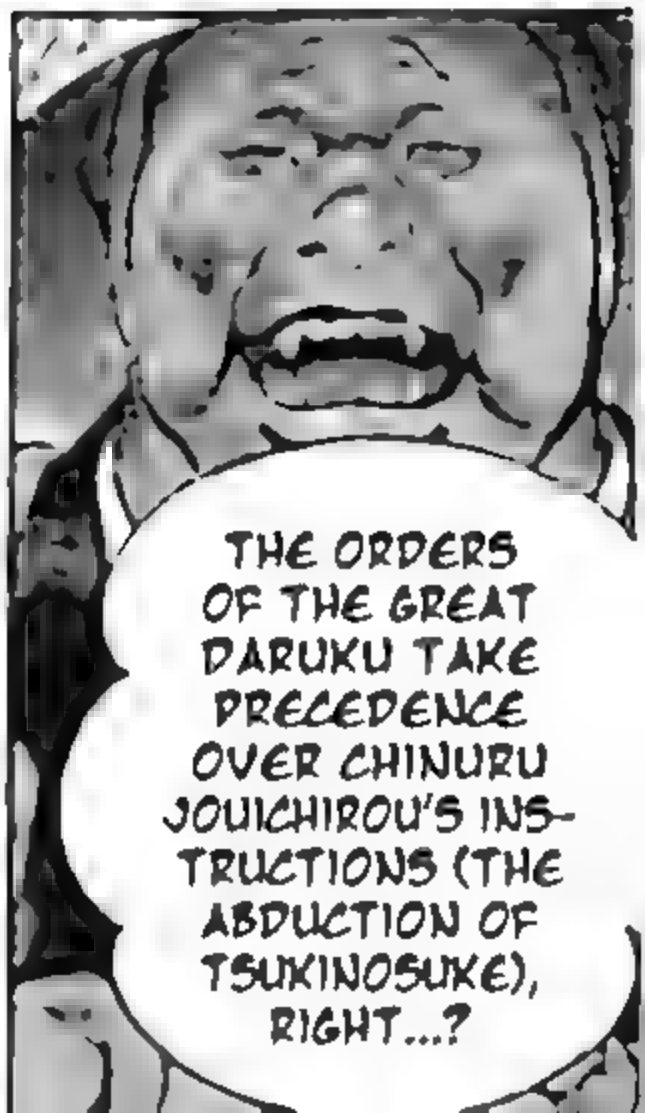





WELL, HE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT LOPPED OFF BY THAT IZOU, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME WAS, AND THEN IT WAS EATEN BY WILD DOGS ON TOP OF THAT...


TCH. I TOLD YOU TO GIVE IT A REST, SHOU. YOU SOUND LIKE A FAG

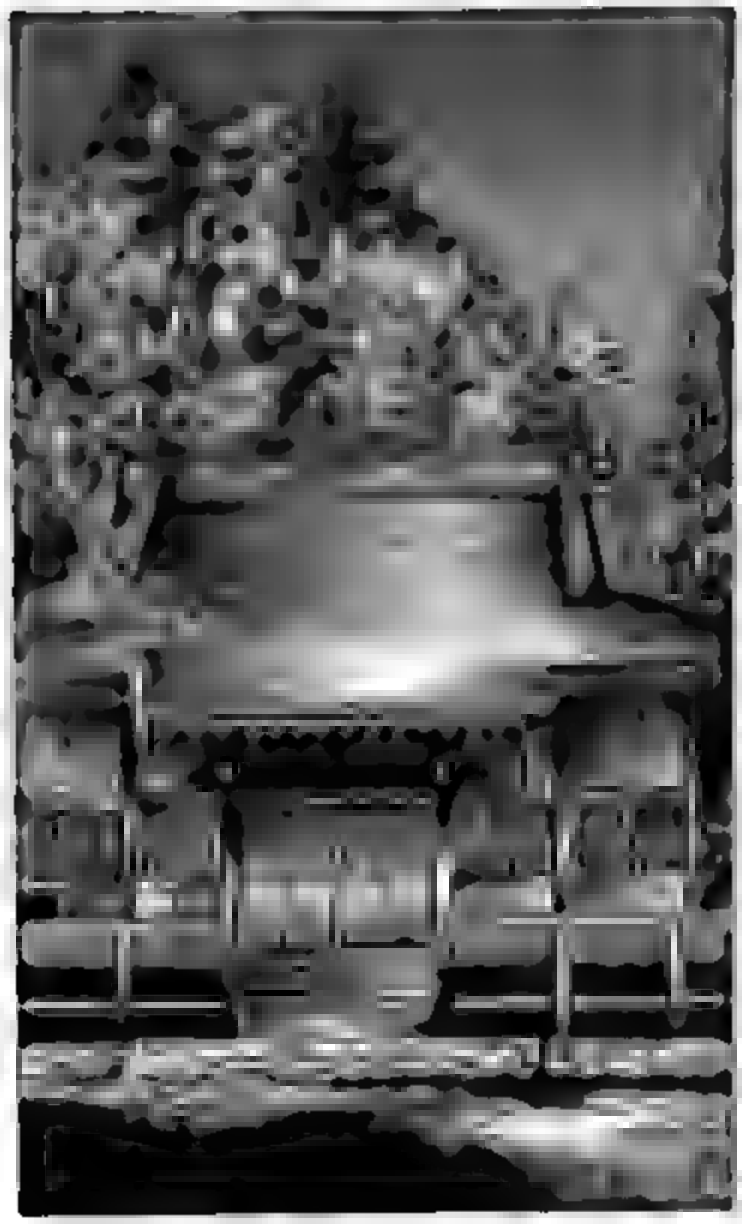
MR. GYOU, HE'S GIVING ME THE CREEPS.

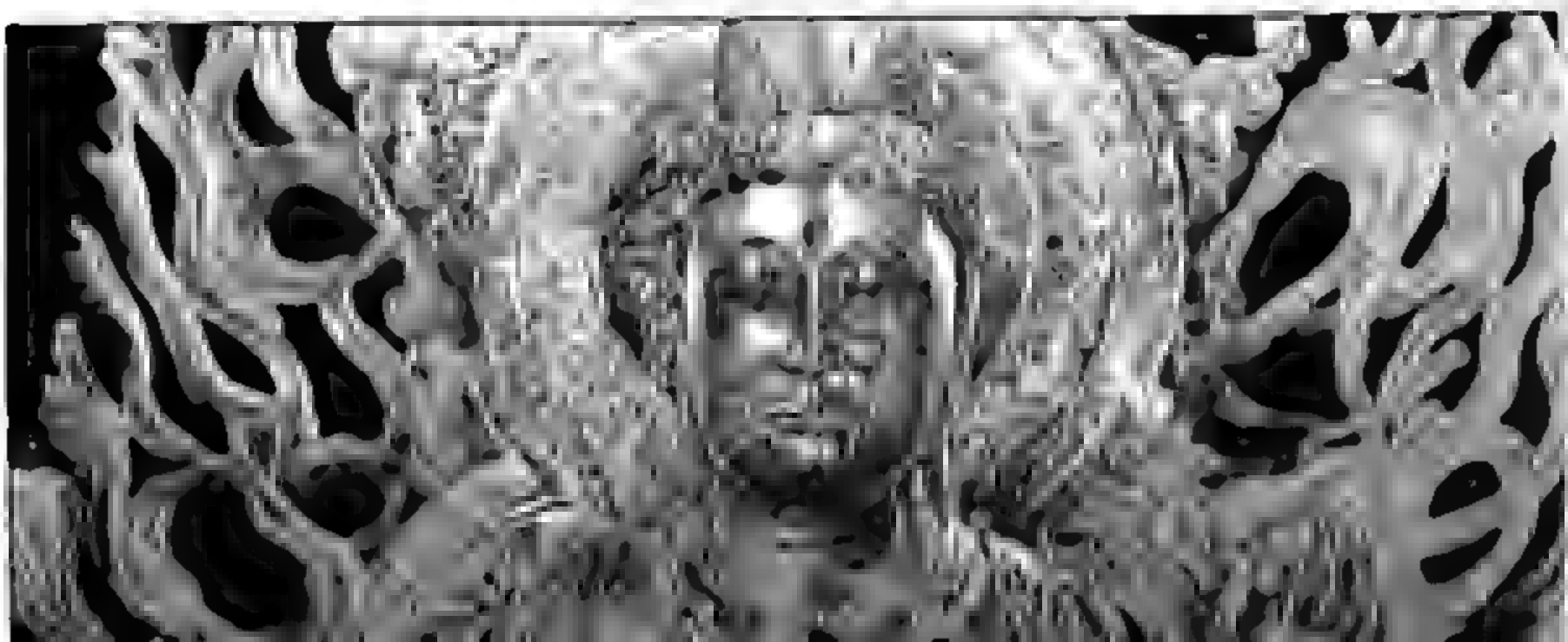

THE ORDERS OF THE GREAT DARUKU TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER CHINURU JOUICHIROU'S INSTRUCTIONS (THE ABDUCTION OF TSUKINOSUKE), RIGHT...?

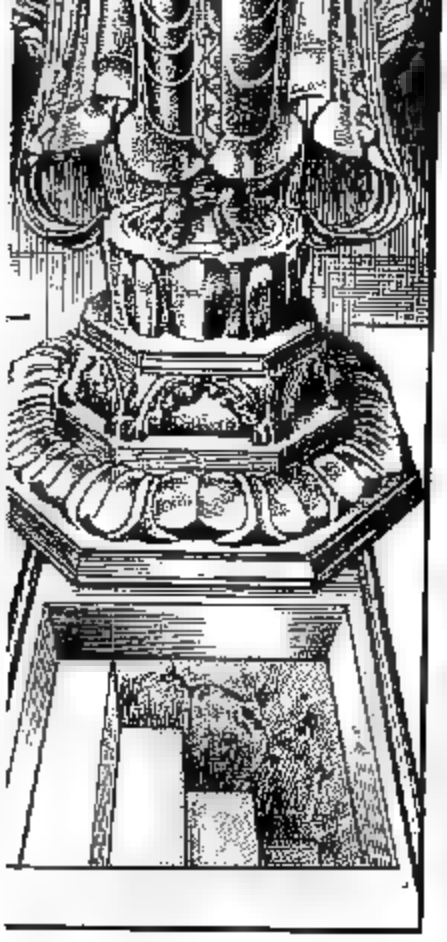
D-DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

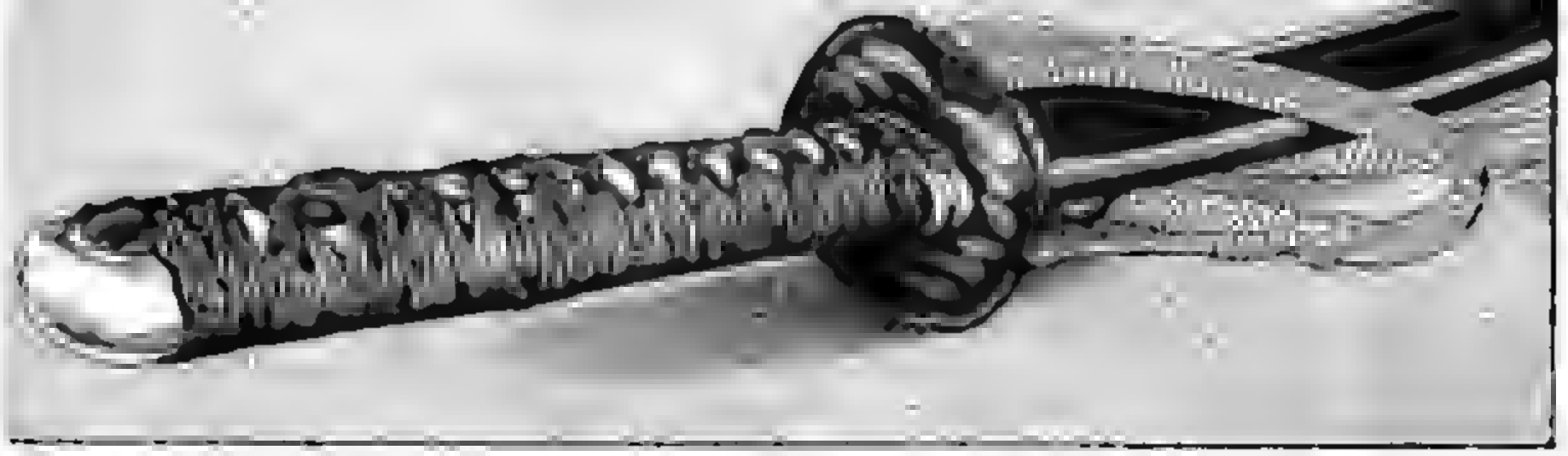
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT...

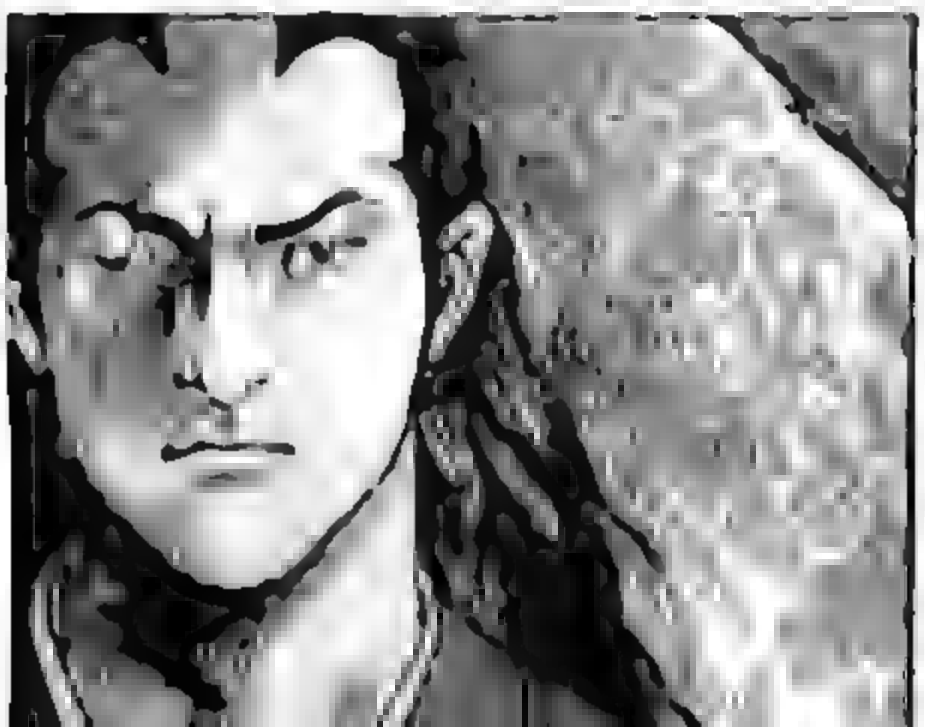
EVEN I WAS SHOCKED. I MEAN, WE REVIVED, AND IT WAS JUST GONE!

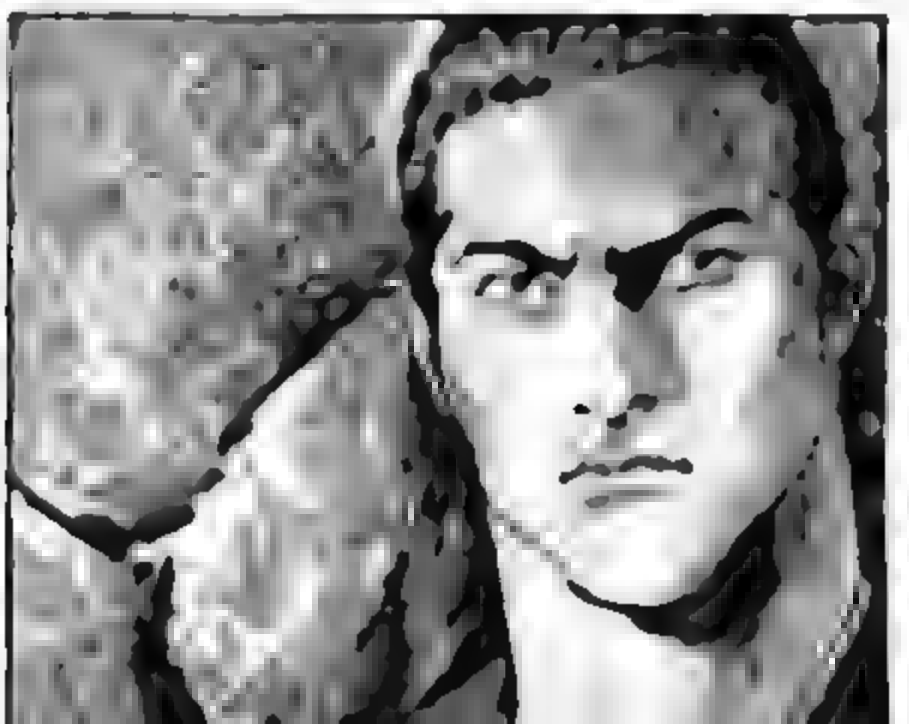












TO BE FRANK,

THIS RITUAL TO REVIVE SAIOUHI IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE ORDERS OF THE HIGH PRIEST TENKAI, WHO POSSESSES LADY DARUKU AND SPEAKS THROUGH HER MOUTH.

IN ADDITION TO YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN, THE REMAINDER OF THE TWELVE SAISHI WHO BEAR THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS, DRAWN BY LADY DARUKU'S SPIRITUAL POWER,

WILL BE FLOCKING TO KYOTO FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE LAND.

...WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS, THE WAR IN SEARCH OF THE SUPERNATURAL IS ALREADY BEGINNING.

IN ALL REALITY, THE SHOGUNATE'S OBJECTIVE IS THE VAST HOARD OF GOLD SECRETED AWAY BY SAIOUHI.

THE SCROLLS CONTAINING THE ORIGIN OF BEASTS AND IN SEARCH OF THE SUPERNATURAL ARE KNOWN TO THE SHOGUNATE.

THEY MEAN TO SEIZE SAIOUHI'S BURIED GOLD...

AFTER CAUSING YOU GENTLEMEN TO FIGHT WITH THE TWELVE SWORDS AND SAIOUHI TO BE REVIVED, AS STATED IN THE LEGEND,

SHE IS A PROPHE-TESS, AND WITH HER SPIRITUAL POWER, SHE WILL SEE THROUGH THE SHOGUNATE'S SCHEMES.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE WILL TURN THE TABLES AND ATTACK THEM...

BUT I BELIEVE IN SAIOUHI'S POWER, NO, IN THE POWER OF WOMEN, WHICH HAS BECOME DIVINE—

THEN, OUR AMBITION TO FOUND A NATION OF SAISHI, WITH SAIOUHI AT ITS CENTER, WILL BECOME REALITY.

TREATED AS BEASTS OF WAR BY THE POWERS OF THE TIME, AND SUBJECTED TO GENOCIDE WHEN THEY WERE NO LONGER USEFUL...

SAIOUHI'S GRAND AMBITION

IS THE VENGEANCE OF THE HIDDEN PEOPLE WHO FOR COUNT-LESS AGES HAVE BEEN DISPERSED,

WHO HAVE HAD THEIR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS AND LOVED ONES MURDERED BY SELFISH HUMANS!!

BECAUSE I TOO, AM IN REALITY A SAISHI, THE SAME AS YOU GENTLEMEN...

BECAUSE I AM YUUKAI, FOUNDER OF THE *GENSHIKIMI-MACHIDAN* FACTION OF THE TENDAI-KURO-TANI SECT.

I TOO WISH FOR THAT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

...AMONG THE SAISHI WHO POSSESS THE SWORDS OF THE DIVINE BEASTS, HOWEVER, IS ONE WHO SEEKS TO PREVENT THIS RITUAL.

THE NAME OF THAT ONE IS GEN TSUKINO-SUKE—!

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION BROUGHT TO US BY LADY DARUKU'S (HIGH PRIEST TENKAI'S) SPIRIT-BEAST ...

EVEN MORE THAN THE THREAT HE POSES TO THE SAISHI DOMINATION OF JAPAN, THE REASON HE MUST BE STOPPED...

IS ACTU-
ALLY HIS
YOUNGER
SISTER!

IS THAT
LADY DARUKU,
WHO WILL ONE
DAY BE POSSES-
SED BY THE
SPIRIT OF
SAIOUHI...

WILL HE WHO,
DESPITE BEING
A SAISHI TRIES
AND WISHES TO
BE HUMAN, BE
ABLE TO BECOME
A BEAST AND
MATE WITH HIS
OWN SISTER?

IN OTHER WORDS, WE CANNOT ACHIEVE OUR DEAREST WISH, THE FOUND-ING OF A SAISHI NATION, UNTIL WE HAVE TAKEN GEN TSUKINOSUKE'S HEAD!

The Swords of the Divine Beasts absorb the spiritual power of each opponent they defeat, make it their own, and grow stronger!

However, he possesses the Longsword of Sai, and has already absorbed the spiritual essence of the Longsword of Ou.

the end of part one.

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人のものを盗み取ること。仏教では五悪・十悪の一つに数えられている。

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